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FOOTBALL CLUB SUBMIT PLANS FOR NEW STADIUM AT JMO SPORTS PARK

Chairman 'hopeful' go-ahead for scheme could see team back 'home' for next season

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE United Football Club has submitted plans to the council which could see them return to the town next season to play at the JMO Sports Park on a 3G pitch at Blaguegate Playing Fields, Liverpool Road.

In 2017 the club were unable to agree a new lease at their home ground at the Uretek Stadium at the Staveley Road Industrial Estate, so have been ground-sharing at the home of of Prescot Cables.

The application is for land, which is owned by the borough council and has been leased since 2013 to the applicant, J Mallinson (Ormskirk) Limited (JMOL).

For United's games the anticipated match-day attendance is about 500, which includes home and away supporters. Two stands would provide 80 plus seats each and an executive stand would accommodate 20 seats. Turnstiles would be introduced as well.

The planning statement has been put together for J Mallinson (Ormskirk) Limited and it contains proposals to extend, alter the existing changing facilities, build three football stands and amenities and extend the JMO Sports Park car park.

The site is accessed from Liverpool Road and has an artificial sports pitch with floodlighting, a sports pavilion to the west, and areas of car parking to the south.

There are two car parks on the site, the western car park which has spaces for 100 vehicles and the eastern car park which has 62 spaces.

Skelmersdale FC has a history dating back to 1882 and they have developed players who have gone on to play at higher levels.

The team play in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One West but have struggled financially since being forced to play at Prescot as they have to pay to use the ground but get little match day income.

They are currently bottom of the table and face being relegated to the North West Counties League at the end of the season.

The report to the council states that by developing the existing facilities JMOL will provide "a local venue from where (SFC) could develop their 'home' support and generate revenue. However, the new facilities would be operated by JMO Sports Park providing the opportunity for the enhanced playing facilities to be used by the wider community."

The works required to accommodate SFC are led by the requirements of the national Football Association.

An aerial shot of the JMO Sports Park.

J Mallinson (Ormskirk) Limited is based at Lathom and is a leading company in the design, construction and renovation of sports pitches across the United Kingdom.

In a planning statement included in the application, Environment Planning and Design state: "the proposed development would have little/negligible effect on the openness of the Green Belt including the visual perception of openness."

The statement also concludes that the local highway network could accommodate the traffic flows associated with match-day operations.

The planning statement comments on the design of the proposals as well and states that "given the limited scale of the proposals, the local landscape context and that the majority of views would be set within the urban fringe, there would be no material change to the overall landscape character or visual amenity."

Skelmersdale United chairman, Paul Griffiths has said: "This is a major step forward in us coming back to the town. If it gets passed we can hopefully start playing at the JMO Sports Park from next season."

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Waste recycling centres hours cut a 'real risk to borough's environment'

Residents urged to oppose county council plans in consultation

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS by Lancashire County Council chiefs to reduce opening hours at household waste recycling centres in West Lancs have been described as a "real risk to the environment" in the borough.

And the Labour group's shadow spokesperson for economic development, environment and planning on the county council, Councillor Julie Gibson, is urging residents to respond to the public consultation on the proposals by opposing the cuts.

The authority is proposing to reduce the opening days at the centres in Burscough and Skelmersdale from seven to five.

Under the proposals the centres will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and closed on either Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday, depending on usage data and availability of alternative facilities.

County Councillor Gibson, who represents Skelmersdale West ward, said: "I know first-hand how popular these are with local residents and how helpful and necessary the staff are.

"There is also the added impact that the reduction in staffing could result in longer waiting times for people who are able to get there during these times.

County Councillor Julie Gibson.

"With the limit in times and the staff available there is the very real worry that this might lead to increase in fly-tipping across the county.

'Concern'

"Whilst I am sure that most people are responsible with their waste we need to realise the real possibility that lack of access to waste facilities may heighten an issue that at the moment is already a matter of concern to some of our borough and district colleagues."

The cuts were passed at the recent county council meeting, despite a Labour amendment opposing them.

Cllr. Gibson added: "There is a real risk to our environment in West Lancashire if we reduce the operational times of the two centres in our borough. I would urge people in West Lancashire to respond to the consultation and oppose this cut."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council responded: "We are currently holding a public consultation on the proposal to align the opening hours of our recycling centres more closely with the way people use them, ensuring they are open at the busiest times, but closing them when there is less demand.

"The proposal is to open the Burscough and Skelmersdale sites five days a week on a staggered basis so that West Lancashire district has a household waste recycling centre available seven days per week. We're proposing to keep all of the sites open at weekends.

"We currently have one extra member of staff for Burscough at weekends, but a review of the service suggested that the ratio of vehicles to staff at weekends does not warrant an increase from weekdays."

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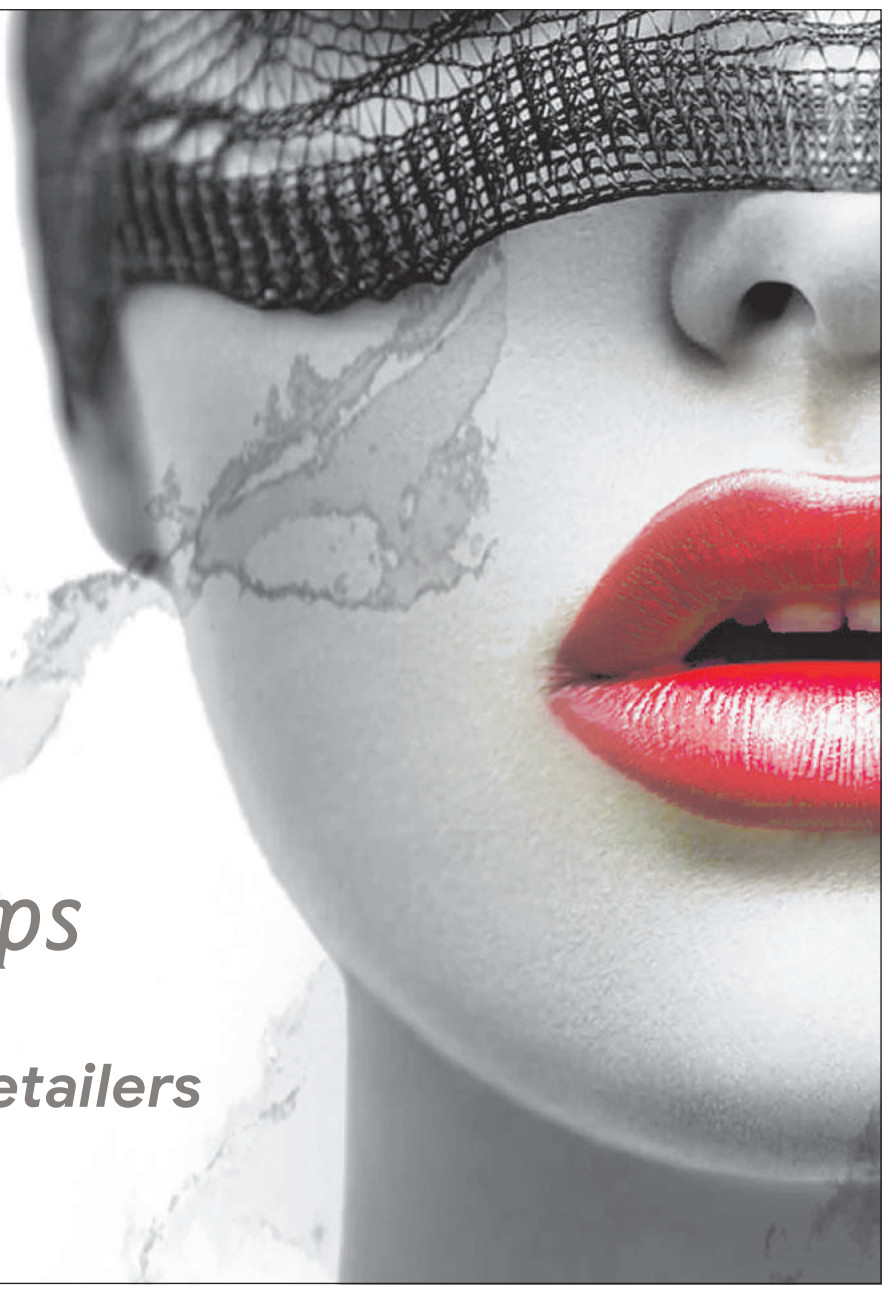

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The Hotter Wholesale Team at the awards evening with John Saunders from the British Footwear Association.

Hotter scoops prestigious Made In Britain Award

Shoe company wins glowing praise at trade showcase event

Report by **Henry James**

MANAGEMENT and staff at Hotter Shoes are celebrating success at a prestigious industry awards ceremony.

The renowned shoemaker, which is based in Peel Road, West Pimbo, won the Made In Britain Footwear Award for Export Growth at the Footwear Industry Awards held in Birmingham, as well as being highly commended in both the Best Footwear and Best Comfort Brand categories.

Presenting the award at the national trade event John Saunders chief executive of British Footwear Association said: "Hotter are deserved winners of this award, recognising their enormous investment, both in the skills of their team members and in robotics and up-to-date technology that enables them to produce great quality women's and men's footwear in the UK when most of their competitors have moved production off shore, particularly to the Far East.

"This investment is allowing them to compete globally with leading international brands.

"Hotter has developed a fully integrated export strategy that allows them to sell to overseas customers through expanding wholesale and concessionary retail channels and direct to consumer via their own sophisticated online platform, supported by dedicated in-house customer service teams.

"Hotter, now our biggest shoemaker, consistently show the way to operate a successful quality, volume footwear manufacturing business in the UK."

Robert Perkins, Hotter's chief operating officer, who accepted the award, commented: "This award is truly a recognition of the hard work and effort of every single member of the Hotter team.

"We are proud to be the UK's biggest shoemaker; proud to be based in Skelmersdale and proud of our shoemakers, warehouse, contact centre and office teams who each support and play a such a vital role in the continued growth of our international footwear brand."

Local councillor seconds motion calling for county council to sign up to End Violence at Work Charter

LANCASHIRE County Council is being urged to show its commitment to tackling violence in the workplace by signing up to the End Violence at Work Charter.

In a motion to be moved by County Councillor Lizzi Collinge and seconded by County Councillor Julie Gibson at the full Council meeting tomorrow (Thursday, February 28) the Labour Group will ask the council to commit to backing the Charter and show its support to staff who experience violent situations.

In a joint statement the two councillors said: "Most of us come to our places of work safe in the knowledge that whatever stresses or challenges we may face we will rarely face any threat of physical violence. But that isn't always the case for many thousands of workers."

Research by trade union UNISON has shown that more than half of its members in the community sector had experienced an incident of violence or aggression at work in the previous two years. Incidents include staff being punched, pushed and kicked. Staff have also been threatened with weapons and held against their will.

Skelmersdale West Councillor Gibson, shadow cabinet member for economic development, environment and planning, said: "Whilst we are confident that any reports of violence at LCC are dealt with in an appropriate manner, by adopting the Charter we are asking the council to make a public commitment to tackling violence at work. We will also be asking the council to ensure that any future contractors are aware of, and also sign up to, the Violence at Work Charter."

Rotary launches small grants scheme for community groups

IN keeping with its ethos of 'community service', the Rotary Club of Ormskirk Clocktower is launching a new scheme for 2019, offering small grants to local community and voluntary groups.

The club raises funds each year from a variety of activities and has decided to offer grants of up to £100 each to small organisations in the voluntary, community and faith sector based primarily in Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Burscough and surrounding areas.

Community initiatives currently supported by Rotary club members include the Birchwood Centre for Young People, the local heat of national Rotary Young Chef competition, Christmas gifts for the elderly, and a popular annual Afternoon Tea Party for the elderly.

International initiatives include funding Shelter Boxes for disaster zones, Rotary Foundation and the ongoing worldwide End Polio Now campaign.

Introducing the small grants scheme, club president Alan Tickle said "We discussed how even a little support can have significant impact for some community and voluntary groups and we felt that providing an opportunity to receive a small grant, might be one way in which Rotary could help."

Full details of the scheme and eligibility for funding can be found on the Rotary website at www.ormskirk-clocktower.rotary1180.org.

Party resignations 'deeply disturbing' says borough MP

ROSIE Cooper has described the recent resignations of MPs from both the Labour and Conservative parties as "deeply disturbing."

The West Lancs MP said: "Last week's resignations from both the Conservative and Labour parties are deeply disturbing for what they reveal about the challenges not just in our politics but, concerningly in wider society.

"The country continues to be riven by splits over Brexit, despite a referendum that was supposed to address this long-standing debate.

"The disgusting spectre of anti-semitic abuse of several Labour MPs, including Luciana Berger, Ruth Smeeth and Louise Ellman, is well-documented. There is no hiding from this being a shameful period in the Labour Party's history.

"Ultimately these resignations are individual choices in reaction to the divisions and anger that currently

exist in our politics. They are a symptom of our divisions and we need to focus all our efforts on tackling the causes.

"As the target of a politically-motivated murderous attack rooted in disaffection and anger with the State, I understand we need to find a way back to unity and respect, a willingness to accept our differences of opinion without escalating to abuse and violence."

Five Skem men arrested after brawl at Japanese restaurant in Ormskirk

POLICE arrested five men after a fight broke out at a restaurant in Ormskirk town centre at the weekend.

Officers were called to the Myiagi Japanese restaurant in Derby Street at around 6.25pm on Sunday, February 24 after reports of a disturbance.

A 22-year-old man from Skelmersdale who was taken to hospital for treatment to head injuries has since been arrested on suspicion of violent disorder.

A further four men from Skelmersdale - aged 22, 23, 39 and 46 - have also been arrested on suspicion of the same offence.

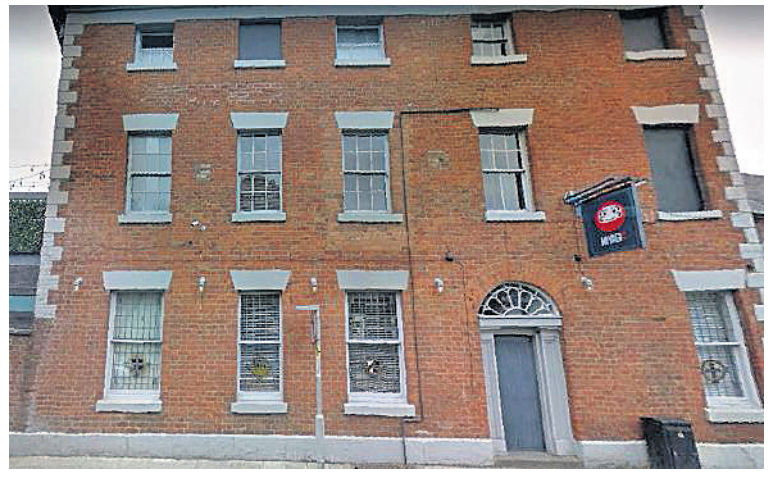
All five have been released under investigation and police enquiries are ongoing.

A post on the police's social media account stated: "We would like to reassure our residents following an incident of disorder in Ormskirk town centre.

"We responded to this incident and have arrested a further four people for public order and assault offences.

"We are unbreakable in our determination to protect the people of Lancashire and will continue to respond robustly to those committing crime."

A spokesman for the venue thanked the police for their help.



The Myiagi Japanese restaurant in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

A message on their social media account read: "Ormskirk news travels fast and we appreciate all the calls and texts of concerns we've had. All the staff and guests who were in the restaurant at the time are all happy and healthy just a little shaken up.

"Thanks to Ormskirk Police for their speedy arrival and helping with a situation that nobody should have to witness."

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Village community centre fundraiser

HESKETH Bank Community Centre is hosting another table top sale and auction on Sunday, March 3 from noon to 3pm.

Organiser, Sue Ellis, said: "We are raising funds to redevelop the site and although our events and activities to date have already raised more than £4,000, we still have a very long way to go."

The event will feature a mixture of stalls and an auction of items, including work by local artists.

There will also be a draw for a £20 Co-op voucher for those who have completed the centre's survey asking people what they want from their new hall. Stalls cost £10 (pitches are being booked quickly) and entrance on the day is free.

For more information visit facebook.com/hesketh bankcommunitycentre or to book a stall ring Sue Ellis on 07956 986546 or email her at sue.ellis95@gmail.com.

Public invited to meeting to discuss council services

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is inviting residents to attend the next committee meeting of the authority's corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committee to hear the debate on a wide range of topics regarding council services.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 7 at the council's offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, starting at 7pm.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy said: "People living and working in West Lancashire are welcome to come along to the meeting and listen to discussions on these very important topics for the council.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy.

"At the next meeting there will be a presentation on crime and disorder from a representative of West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (CSP). There will also be an update on the activities at the Chapel Gallery from the deputy director of development and regeneration."

Other items for consideration include looking at the council's performance in a variety of services from waste collection to visitor numbers and the leisure and cultural facilities.

There will also be an update on the final report of the review of community involvement in service delivery together with presentations in respect of the committee's review of the litter bin policy.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the council website www.westlancs.gov.uk/coins where people can find out more information about individual reports.

Anyone wishing to speak on any item must submit a request by 10am on Friday, March 1. Requests can be submitted by email to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk; by post to Member Services, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF; or by calling 01695 585065.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the council's Public Speaking Protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak.

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Warning to visitors after outbreak of winter vomiting bug at hospital

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Southport Hospital has been affected by an outbreak of novovirus prompting a call to visitors with symptoms of the bug to stay away.

MEMBERS of the public are being urged NOT to visit local hospitals if they are experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust chiefs have issued the warning after a new outbreak of norovirus, the winter vomiting bug, affected five wards at Southport and Formby District General Hospital earlier this week.

Andrew Chalmers, Consultant Nurse and Deputy Director of Infection Prevention and Control at the trust, said: "Norovirus is highly infectious and is circulating in the local community.

"Patients' friends and family who have symptoms of either diarrhoea or vomiting should not visit the hospital until they are symptom-free for at least 48 hours. Parents are also asked to keep their children away from hospital at this time.

"Also, if the patient you want to visit has these symptoms, my advice is to delay your visit until their symptoms have resolved. In circumstances where this is not possible, please make arrangements in advance of visiting by telephoning the ward sister.

"Norovirus is short-lived but very unpleasant. You don't want it and our patients certainly don't.

"If you're affected, stay at home, drink plenty of fluids, wash your hands after using the toilet and prior to eating, and clean or disinfect contaminated surfaces."

Anyone who has experienced sickness or diarrhoea in the past 48 hours should stay away from hospitals and other healthcare providers, as either a visitor or a patient, except in a genuine medical emergency.

Symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Some people may have a temperature, headache and stomach cramps.

Councillor slams use of ANPR cameras at Concourse car park

A BOROUGH councillor has accused bosses at the Concourse shopping centre of employing "heavy-handed" tactics to enforce car parking restrictions by using Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey says he has received numerous complaints about £100 Parking Charges Notices which he claims have been "wrongly issued" by the Smart Parking company.

Parking is restricted to a maximum of five hours with no return within two hours.

Councillor Furey commented: "During the last year I have received a number of enquiries from angry motorists contesting PCNs with Smart Parking.

"A large number of drivers have been hit with fines which I believe have been incorrectly issued after being accused of over-staying or even staying overnight when they have done nothing of the sort. They have then been hounded by Smart Parking with further demands and threats of court action.

"The company has consistently failed to properly record images of vehicles entering and leaving the site or recognise that motorists have made two trips to the car parks but had done so within the advertised restrictions.

"In short, it appears Smart Parking has been using every trick in the book to issue £100 Parking Charge Notices in the hope that motorists will just cough up.

"Victims I have spoken to are rightly outraged at the tactics and heavy-handed behaviour of Smart Parking. When contesting PCN demands, motorists have told me they are just being fobbed off.

"I have spoken with hundreds of Skelmersdale Concourse customers who are rightly concerned with the actions of Smart Parking. If this practice is allowed to continue it will be counter-productive by driving customers away from the shops."

Councillor Furey continued: "The Government rightly outlawed the clampers but now these ANPR operators have moved in to prey on motorists using private car parks.

"I join motorists who are angered with the actions of Smart Parking and I will be writing to Skelmersdale Concourse Shopping Centre to demand they get rid of this company."

In response a spokesman for Smart Parking refuted accusations that the company specifically set traps to catch unsuspecting motorists and added: "We are members of the British Parking Association and as such, we are bound by its code of conduct and are regularly audited on the same."

Long-established Scout group finally secure a new home

Report by **Henry James**

Members of the 1st Skelmersdale Scout group outside the Barnes Road hut in 2017.

OFFICIALS and members of a long-established Scout group are celebrating after their year-long campaign to secure a new home has finally come to fruition.

The Champion reported in October 2017 how the 1st Skelmersdale Scout Group had been given notice to quit their headquarters in Barnes Road in the Pennylands district of the town by Lancashire County Council.

The authority, which leased the building to the Scouts, informed them that the land it was situated on was required for an access road for a proposed new housing development and it would have to be demolished.

That left the group, which celebrated its 80th anniversary last year, desperately seeking a new home.

Suitable

Petitions were launched, both paper and online at Change.org, and attracted some 6,000 signatures. But despite their efforts it was not enough to persuade the county council to change its plans.

Finally though the group have secured a suitable new venue, just a short distance away from Barnes Road at the Taekwondo Martial Arts Centre in Wheatacre.

They will be operating from there as from this week (February 25) with Beavers meeting on Tuesdays from 6 to 7pm; Cubs on Wednesdays from 6 to 7.30pm and Scouts on Fridays from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Group manager, Charlie Cavaghan, said: "I should like to thank County Councillor Julie Gibson for her support.

"I would also like to thank the organisations and firms who agreed to gather signatures on the paper petition - the congregations of St Richard's Roman Catholic Church, Liverpool Road; Trinity Methodist Church, High Street; St Paul's Parish Church; the staff and customers of the Jungle Hut, Westgate; the staff and customers of the Co-op Store, Sandy Lane.

"Also, St Richard's Roman Catholic Primary School for informing parents of our online petition; Premier General Store, New Church Farm; The Winchester Ex Services and Social Club, Liverpool Road and all the parents who gathered signatures."

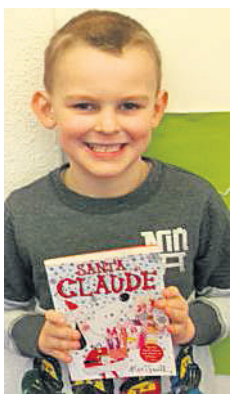
Six-year-old Daniel completes Reading Trail Challenge

BOOK lover Daniel Byrom is the latest local youngster to successfully complete the Lancashire Reading Trail Challenge at Skelmersdale library.

The six-year-old, a pupil at Dalton St Michael's Primary School, was presented with his book choice and a gold certificate by staff at the library in Southway after reading 50 book.

Library assistant, Jane Dearden, said: "Well done Daniel on a fantastic achievement!"

The Lancashire Reading Trail is a county-wide challenge aimed at encouraging children up to the age of 12 to read more.



Daniel with his prize book.

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County's Restorative Justice team earns national recognition

Report by **Henry James**

Clive Grunshaw pictured with Claire Joule, Restorative Justice co-ordinator; Helena Cryer, Restorative Justice manager; Jo Edwards, Assistant Chief Constable; and Lesley Miller, head of Criminal Justice for Lancashire Constabulary.

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has praised the work being done to help victims of crime to meet with offenders and move on after Lancashire's Restorative Justice team were recognised with a national accreditation.

Mr Grunshaw, joined representatives from Lancashire Constabulary to celebrate the Training Provider Quality Mark (TPQM) accreditation which is granted by the Restorative Justice Council and enables training providers to show that they have been externally recognised and meet national standards in restorative training delivery.

He said: "Restorative Justice can be a really important process giving victims a chance to get answers following a crime and often giving them a way to move on with their lives.

"The team at Lancashire Police and Lancashire Victim Services can offer the advice and support people need to take this difficult but often important step.

Important

"This accreditation recognises the high quality standard that is being set here in Lancashire, training others to support those who choose to go down the path of Restorative Justice, which I am confident is a positive step towards making our communities better, safer places to live, and to giving victims of crime and anti-social behaviour a real voice.

"I will continue to support the work of our officers in Lancashire in delivering this important service and helping other victims get the justice and answers they seek."

Helena Cryer, Lancashire Constabulary Restorative Justice manager, added: "I'm thrilled to announce that our Restorative Justice Team at Lancashire Constabulary have been awarded the TPQM Quality Mark for the delivery of our three-day Restorative Justice Training Course.

"This award demonstrates that we are delivering high-quality training to our police officers and external partners and also provides recognition that our course meets the high standards outlined by the Restorative Justice Council."

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Skem company's system helps precision tools repairs specialist's drive to improve efficiency

A PRECISION tool repairs specialist which serves some of the country's biggest utilities companies has switched to a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system developed by a Skelmersdale company with the aim of improving efficiency.

Izumi Products UK Limited, which counts Northern Ireland Electricity and Northern Powergrid among its clients, has worked with CoreRFID, based at the West Lancashire Investment Centre on White Moss Business Park, on the system.

The Durham-based company currently services 200 jobs monthly on sites across the UK, Ireland and Europe, repairing and maintaining tools and machinery from drills, to more complex equipment costing upwards of £150,000.

The RFID system has seen Izumi switch from paper-based to a digital operation, enabling inspection certificates to be issued within minutes, down from two or three days.

Clients can also access the system and view images of the equipment before and after servicing has taken place.

Jenny Williams, managing director of Izumi Products, commented: "Working from tablets in the field has helped with accuracy, speed and efficiency for clients. It has also led to greater innovation in the way we run the business.

"We are also reducing our carbon footprint and improving our administrative system by using RFID. It is a system which will grow with the requirements of the business and we are already planning a new scheduling function to streamline our operations further this year."

Meanwhile, Munzi Ali, technical director at CoreRFID, commented: "Every business is different and many want a system which fits their specific needs and plans rather than an off the shelf product. We are able to provide a collaborative approach to clients' projects which makes a real difference to their operations, customer service and profitability."

Since forming in 2007, CoreRFID has built a global client base of more than 1,000 companies globally including VP Hire Station, Weir Minerals, ICL and BAE Systems.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney kick-starts the Skelmersdale Veterans' walking football conference at the Evermoor Hub to promote fitness and wellbeing.

Special guests kick-start Vets walking football conference

OFFICIALS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have thanked everyone who supported their Walking Football Conference.

The event was staged at the Evermoor Hub Community Centre, Digmoor and opened by West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper and the Mayor of the borough, Councillor Noel Delaney who spoke about walking football can help veterans with different issues, such as PTSD, mental health, loneliness, friendship and comradeship.

Two-hour walking football sessions will now be held in the Evermoor Hub once a week with participants being trained by Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

Other agencies involved in the walking football include the NHS, Combat Stress, Help for Heroes, Lancashire Police and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

Representatives of the different agencies will attend a session each month to offer advice, information and support.

Chairman of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, Alan Lewis, said: "We would like to thank Rosie Cooper, Councillor Noel Delaney and Wigan Athletic Community Trust, and also members of the public, who came along to support the conference. A special thank-you also goes to Ian Gaskell from Wigan Athletic Community Trust for his ongoing support."

Having started with just four members two years ago, the association now has 30, including former members of the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, the TA and the emergency services.

And they are looking to play other walking football teams from across Lancashire.

Anyone interested can contact Alan Lewis on 07939 660048, or email chairsva@outlook.com.

Police have issued this CCTV image of a man they want to identify in connection with an armed robbery at a store in Digmoor.

Police appeal to identify armed robber

DETECTIVES investigating a gunpoint robbery in Skelmersdale have released CCTV images of a man they want to identify.

Although the images are not of the highest quality, officers are hoping that someone might be able to identify the robber, possibly by recognising what they describe as his "distinctive" jacket.

Police were called at around 8.50pm on Thursday, November 21 following reports of a robbery at the Food Store in Bearncroft, Digmoor.

A man had entered the shop holding a black handgun and demanding cash and cigarettes from a shop worker.

After taking a quantity of cigarettes and cash and placing them in a bag he made off from the scene. No-one was injured during the incident.

Despite an initial police appeal for information at the time of the offence, no suspect has yet been identified and officers are continuing their investigation.

Detective Constable Michael Feeley, of Lancashire Police, said: "We would urge anyone reading this appeal to have a good look at the man pictured.

"He is responsible for a very serious offence and we want to find him as soon as possible.

"He was wearing a distinctive jacket and we believe someone must know who this is. Any information provided to police will be treated in the strictest confidence."

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Harry Potter director inspires university's budding filmmakers

RENOWNED director David Yates returned to Edge Hill to talk to students about his films and inspire the next generation of filmmakers.

David, who was made an Honorary Doctor of the Ormskirk university last year for his contribution to international cinema, was in discussion with Professor Roger Shannon, associate director of Edge Hill's Institute for Creative Enterprise (ICE).

During the lecture, David opened up about how he got into filmmaking after he was given a Super 8 camera when he was young and started to make films of friends and family.

He also talked about his move away from dramas with politically and socially relevant themes such as *State of Play* and *Girl in the Café*, to the blockbuster *Harry Potter* films.

Celebrated director David Yates poses with budding filmmakers at Edge Hill University during his visit to the Ormskirk campus.

Professor Shannon said: "The masterclass with David Yates was all encompassing, discussing the inspiration behind the no-budget films he created as a youngster, right up to his recent work on large budgeted and award-winning studio films

Enthralled

"Students were enthralled by his cinematic insights as he sketched out his approach as a director for both television dramas and feature films."

David, who comes from Rainhill, near St Helens, said: "It is always good coming back to Edge Hill, the passion and enthusiasm for all things film among the students is wonderful to see."

His work on the last four films in the *Harry Potter* series, as well as numerous feature and short films and television programmes, has established Yates as one of Britain's most accomplished directors.

Third-year Film and Television Production student, Chloe Jupp-Browne said; "David Yates has always been an inspiration to me and I'm a big fan of his work, especially the Harry Potter series. He's taught me that it doesn't matter about where you're from, you can still achieve great things.

Second-year Creative Writing and Film Studies student Scott Meadows, hoped to gain an insight into the world of film production and wasn't disappointed. "I learned a great deal, predominantly that a huge part of a successful career in film involves uncertainty and the possibility of rejection."

"The fact that I was able to have a conversation with one of the most celebrated film-makers of our generation has given me so much hope towards my own future. David stands as a prime example of someone who comes from a similar background to me, and from a neighbouring part of the country – what better way to prove we can do it, than to have David Yates show us that it is possible?"

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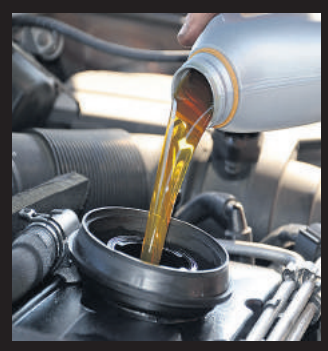
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St James' Catholic Primary pupils at Birch Green Care Home.

Youngsters' 'old pals act'!

YOUNGSTERS from a local primary school have made a second 'bridge the generation gap' trip to a Skelmersdale care home - to the delight of its residents.

And following their previous visit to the Birch Green home in Ivydale, the Year One pupils from St James' Catholic Primary were only too pleased to meet up again with their new-found friends.

One of the pupils, Heidi, made a card for resident, Vincent reading: 'You are a good singer' and it clearly struck a chord with the happy recipient.

Gill Seddon, activities co-ordinator at Birch Green, said: "We had another fun-filled day with the children and they were also excited to see everyone. It was so lovely.

"It's such a therapeutic and beneficial experience for everyone involved.

"The children and the residents thoroughly enjoy themselves, even though they are all tired out by the end of the visit is over."

And St James' Year One teacher, Shelley Lee, added: "We made cards together in readiness for give a friend a card day next week and Heidi wanted to make one for Vincent, as she loves his singing, and also for Mo because she makes her laugh with her glove puppet."

Local primary pupils take part in event to launch Lancashire School Games

Report by **Henry James**

PUPILS from Crawford Primary School in Up Holland joined others from across the county to officially launch the Lancashire School Games 2019 at a special event at sponsior James Hall & Co's SPAR distribution centre in Preston.

More than 80 schoolchildren from 14 Lancashire districts attended the launch, alongside two Team GB athletes.

Paralympian Nathan Maguire and Commonwealth gold medal-winning boxer, Lisa Whiteside inspired the youngsters with motivational tips and nuggets of inspiration from their careers as professional athletes.

Nathan spoke about his disability, explaining that living well was all about having the right mindset and approach to life's challenges. He said: "My disability has offered me the most amazing experiences and the chance to compete in incredible places, represent my country and meet a fantastic range of diverse and inspiring people.

"I had to go outside of school to find the right kind of facilities and developed my love of competitive sport through wheelchair basketball. It is fantastic to see children with disabilities here today being offered the chance to take part in such an exciting and inclusive competition."

And Chorley-born Lisa Whiteside, who won Commonwealth gold for England at flyweight, said: "The SPAR Lancashire School Games offers children such a fantastic opportunity to be involved in competitive sport. I only wish that I'd had such an opportunity at school.

Pupils from Crawford Primary school at the launch.

"Meeting the children today and seeing their enthusiasm for sport has been amazing and reflects all the hard work from the Lancashire school games organisers, SPAR and Active Lancashire."

Peter Dodding, sales and marketing director at James Hall & Co said: "This is our 13th year of sponsoring the SPAR Lancashire School Games and we are absolutely thrilled to be able to continue that support.

"Each year, the team of school games organisers make such a difference to sport within schools and we are proud to be working alongside Active Lancashire to help promote healthy and active lifestyles throughout the county.

"More than 94,000 Lancashire school children participated in last year's SPAR Lancashire School Games and this year promises to be bigger and better!"

Last year 779 schools took part promoting active sport programmes and healthy lifestyles with events covering 24 sports and culminating in the SPAR Lancashire School Games county final, held at Blackpool's Stanley Park, where 2,600 children represented their district and school.

New for 2019 will be participation events, aimed at engaging with children who may not typically have the chance to participate in the games and promote inclusivity in sport. These include dodgeball, angling, volleyball and climbing.

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Borough council shortlisted in UK Housing Awards

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has been shortlisted for a national award.

The authority is one of seven shortlisted by the Chartered Institute of Housing for the title of *Council of the Year* in the 2019 UK Housing Awards.

The council's submission for the awards highlighted how the authority is responding to local housing issues, including working with partner organisations to facilitate development including new affordable housing.

Among recent achievements listed by the council are:

- Increased housing supply as a result of unlocking of land sites such as Whalleys and Abbeystead in Skelmersdale.
- The direct delivery of housing, both market and social housing, including at Beechtrees in Skelmersdale and the Walmsley Drive development close to the council offices in the heart of Ormskirk.
- Facilitating new affordable housing for local people.
- Successful partnership working with neighbouring local authorities which resulted in securing funding for refuge providers in supporting domestic abuse survivors and their families to obtain a safe space to then rebuild their lives.
- Supporting residents to live independently in their own homes through the support of the Homecare Link Service.

The Walmsley Drive development in Ormskirk - one of the achievements listed by West Lancs Council in its submission for the 2019 UK Housing Awards.

Council chiefs have said they are "ambitious for the economy, environment, health and wellbeing and working to meet local housing need is vitally important in meeting these priorities."

Councillor Jenny Forshaw, the council's cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "The council is absolutely delighted to have been nominated for this award.

"Even to have made the shortlist is a fantastic achievement and recognises the hard work and dedication of our staff.

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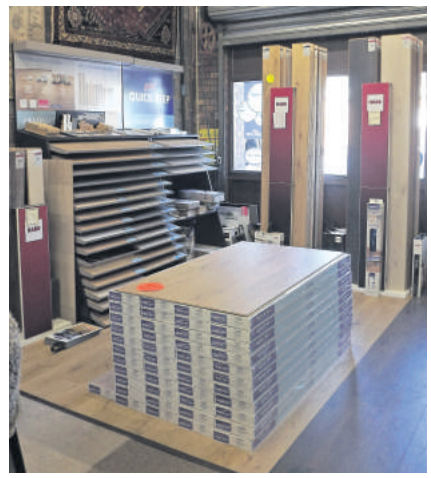

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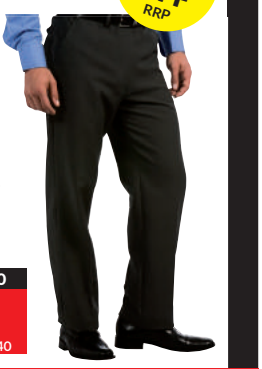

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LEADING campaigner for a People's Vote on Brexit, Lord Andrew Adonis, made a flying visit to Ormskirk on Saturday (February 23).

Addressing an audience of around 70 at Ormskirk Civic Hall, he insisted that Brexit could be stopped and said a public vote is needed because politicians can't decide.

The former Labour Minister outlined what he believed to be the benefits of the UK remaining, citing the opportunity for young people to live and work in 27 countries without restriction; the economic benefits of the single market; and the peace dividend from being in the EU at a time of international instability.

He also referred to what he said was the risk of a return to violence if a 'hard border' is created on the island of Ireland.

Ken Lamden, volunteer team leader for the People's Vote West Lancashire group, said: "It's not often a leading politician comes to Ormskirk.

"We only had three days' notice of the visit but thanks to social media we were able to attract 70 people to the Civic Hall."

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Survey ranks West Lancs as one of most 'challenging' places to live in North West

WEST Lancashire and neighbouring Sefton have been listed in the most challenging places to live in the North West, according to a new report published this week.

The first 'Liveability Index' for 2019, which focuses on the North West, reveals the areas where people on average incomes are most likely to struggle to 'get on' and challenges existing thinking on where the most urgent need exists for more affordable homes to be built.

The study, which has been developed by Warrington-based housing provider Your Housing Group together with a former HM Treasury economist, offers a new measure of 'liveability'.

Following a successful pilot study conducted last year, the North West Liveability Index is the first release from a new national study being launched later this year, which will map, for the first time, average earners' ability to live affordably in every local authority in the country.

The analysis ranks every local authority in the North West, providing what it describes as a comprehensive view of the best and most challenging places for 'liveability.'

Brian Cronin, chief executive of the Your Housing Group.

West Lancashire was rated the eighth most challenging place in the region and Sefton ninth.

Oldham was listed as the most challenging and South Lakeland the easiest place to live.

Brian Cronin, chief executive of Your Housing Group, said: "This important new research reveals the hidden problem areas for average earners in towns and cities across the North West. Importantly, it also shows where we need to see the development of more genuinely affordable homes.

"The large commercial developers are part of the housing crisis, not its solution. They are simply failing to deliver the homes people need at a price they can afford.

"The attention now needs to focus on alternative providers and I believe housing associations could play a major new role in solving the problem. We are now working on ideas to get new funding into this sector, including from responsible investors like pension funds, and will soon be publishing our findings."

Burscough chippy scoops quality award

STAFF at a fish and chips company which has a branch in West Lancs have scooped a national award for the quality of their fare.

The National Federation of Fish Friers (NFFF) Fish and Chip Quality Award identifies shops that serve the highest quality fish and chips following a thorough assessment of the premises, equipment, working practices, hygiene standards and management controls, along - of course - with the quality and taste of the food!

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Trundlers bowled over by builder's generous donation

A LONG-established local bowling club's plans for much-needed extensive repairs to its highly-regarded green have been given a welcome financial boost, courtesy of housebuilder Taylor Wimpey North West.

The company, which has nearby developments at Briars Lock and Highgrove Park, has donated £500 to Burscough Bowling Club.

Established in 1894, the club is proud of its green, which is currently in a state of disrepair due to harsh weather conditions over the past 12 months. But players and management are keen to refurbish the green to its former glory as one of the best crown bowl surfaces in West Lancashire.

Club chairman, John Marriott, commented: "We're all immensely proud of our club and take every precaution within our control to future-proof and look after our green and grounds. Unfortunately, its taken quite a beating this year and we need to spend a considerable amount of money to make it great again.

"Taylor Wimpey's generous donation will help us to achieve our ambitions that much quicker and we're all incredibly grateful. We're passionate about our sport and our community and would welcome any new members from Taylor Wimpey's Briars Lock or Highgrove Park developments, close to our club, to join us for a friendly chat and game."

Burscough Bowling Club members have been bowled over by Taylor Wimpey's £500 donation to their green repairs fund.

Stuart Craig, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey North West, added: "Since works commenced at our popular Briars Lock and Highgrove Park developments, we've contributed to a number of local causes, including Burscough Archery Club, Ormskirk Tennis Club and Rainbow House.

"It's always a pleasure to support the communities and existing services in which we build.

"When we first heard about Burscough Bowling Club's ambitious plans, we were only too happy to be able to make a donation.

"We're looking forward to seeing the green looking as good as new and hope that some of our Highgrove Park residents choose to take up a new hobby for 2019!"

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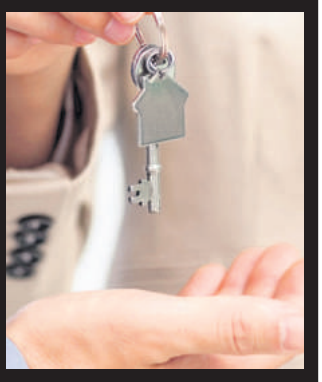

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

Residents should be sceptical of pledge of 'significant changes' to Local Plan

SO the council will make "significant changes" to the preferred options stage of its proposed Local Plan to 2050 (Champion, February 20).

Councillor John Hodson is quoted as saying "we are now at the stage of the process where we can start responding to residents' views and demonstrating that any new Local Plan will be designed to put West Lancashire's needs first."

And Councillor Moran (leader of the council) said "...this is a process of public consultation and we are listening."

These statements make it seem that almost 2,000 responses from the public and their local representatives have made a significant difference and that all of the evidence against aspects of the draft plan (such as the folly of forecasting to 2050) have been recognised and accepted.

However, it seems that councillors who were briefed a week beforehand were given a completely different picture. 'The 30-year time frame is staying; the large logistics parks by the M58 are staying; the need for huge tracts of Green Belt and most versatile agricultural land for development is staying. The council is still going to propose new housing numbers well into five-figure territory and expect us to be pleased that the number is slightly less than the previous number they conjured up.' (From Our West Lancashire press release.)

Most of West Lancashire's parish councils have recently complained jointly about having been seriously misled by one councillor at the beginning of the public consultation period.

Consequently, it is hardly surprising that local representatives feel that every statement made by supposedly responsible people has to be taken with a considerable 'pinch of salt'.

We are all becoming used to people in positions of power misleading their electorates, especially when they are facing elections. Maybe the council's officers are making the decisions and their theoretical bosses have abandoned control.

Or maybe the political bosses are playing a double game.

All that is clear now is that the residents of West Lancashire should exercise a good deal of scepticism about the public statements that are being, and have been, made.

Roger Clayton, secretary, South Lathom Residents' Association.

EU referendum offered no third choice - it was just a simple remain or leave!

MANY things about the Brexit process remain a puzzle to me. But perhaps the most puzzling is the way in which the media has chosen to label the opposing camps.

Let's recall that the EU referendum offered two choices: to remain or to leave. There was no third choice giving the opportunity to vote to leave but only if there was a deal in place with the EU.

I don't recall in the discussions prior to the vote there being any call for such a third option to be included on the ballot paper. So why on earth have we ended up with this non-existent voting option now driving the political process?

And, more astonishing still, why are those who continue to erect obstacles to leaving being described as informed protectors of our economic interests whilst those who simply want the democratic decision to leave implemented, with or without a deal, are being labelled by the media as self-interested extremists?

We hear a great deal about the uncertainties affecting business and hence the economic health of the country. But where has the uncertainty been derived from? Quite simply it has come from just two sources. The efforts of the establishment and the London intellectual ruling class to do everything to stop leaving in any meaningful way happen, and the lack of will within the Government to prepare for departure from day one after the vote.

No wonder we have 'uncertainty'. It's been 30 months since the vote, time enough for any committed government to have produced the complete range of official papers to remove the uncertainties.

S. C., Aughton.

700 houses will mean greater risk of flooding

I FIND the recent news positive regarding the scaling back of the Local Plan. However, I would still like to address the recently-published independent study into flooding at Hurlston Brook in Ormskirk.

This advises adopting long-term planning and land use policies designed to slow the rate at which water runs off the surrounding land, to reduce the impact of future flooding.

The proposed use of land west of Altys Lane for 700 houses does the opposite - it increases the likelihood of flooding in the future and the flooding will be worse (potentially much worse) because the surrounding land for run-off of water will have been concreted over.

Chris Bowman, Ormskirk.

Brexit supporters seem determined to destroy futures of young voters

IN his analysis of the 2016 referendum Common Man (Letters, February 6) forgot that only 17 million Brits voted to quit Europe from a total population of 66 million. Fellow Europeans, who thought they had a future here, were not even allowed to vote.

Young voters voted 70% to remain and it is their futures that the likes of Rosie Cooper, Damien Moore and Jim Sharpe seem determined to destroy.

It would be great to think that next year we'll put as much effort into celebrating 75 years of peace in Europe as recently went into commemorating every battle of a war of 100 years ago. Now that would be a surprise result.

David Pryer, Parbold.

New shop won't increase footfall at Concourse

I AM writing in reply to shop owners in the Concourse about noise levels disrupting shoppers (February 6).

It does not matter how fast the building works are finished it will not add more footfall as the new shop will be a pizza place, which does most of its trading in the evening.

The only one that benefits from this is the Concourse owners.

My main worry is will there be gangs of youths hanging around making some people feel uneasy when returning to Skem on late buses.

K. Wilkinson, by email.

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Seemingly seven 'noes' equal a 'yes' when it comes to student flats!

I'D like to respond to those people who are complaining about the development of the Ormskirk bus station into student flats.

What people don't seem to realise is there are seven very strict conditions set down by West Lancs Borough Council that have to be adhered to in order to pass these proposals. These all have to be answered 'no'!

The questions are:

1) Is there any demand for the proposals? No.

2) Does the building's appearance fit with those in its locality? No.

3) Will local council tax payers be consulted about the proposals? No.

4) Will local residents benefit in any way by the proposals? No.

5) Will council tax be payable to assist with the costs of all services? No.

6) Is there currently plenty of available affordable housing for local people? No.

7) Is there on-site car parking (one for every two occupants) included in the proposal? No.

A computer-generated image of how the proposed new bus station, retail and student accommodation complex will look.

No other conditions appear relevant to West Lancs Borough Council's recent guidelines for student accommodation/HMOs.

We all have to get our heads around the fact that this proposal will fly through the process, and the result for local council tax payers will be a half-empty eyesore, more cars parked in local roads, less parking for shoppers etc., more litter, and another 199 properties for the emergency services to cover free of charge!

Oh, but on the positive side, we'll have nicer bus shelters!

Joe, Ormskirk resident.

Ormskirk was busy and vibrant long before Edge Hill's expansion

GRAHAM Williams, in his letter to the Champion (February 13) states that "Ormskirk would be a dead place" without students. Mr Williams also states that he is 72.

All I can say is that he can't have lived in Ormskirk for many of his years. If he had, then he would know that Ormskirk was a busy and vibrant place long before the expansion of Edge Hill College.

When you consider that over 300 houses have been converted from the family homes they once were into student HMOs, you can see the negative impact this has had on the demographics of the town.

Even when you take into account that HMOs may house more people (with the downstairs living areas now being used as bedrooms) than a typical family of three or four, students have less income to live on, let alone spend in the town, than a family.

Coupled to this is the fact that most students only reside (and spend money) in the town for seven months of the year whereas families tend to reside in the town for most if not all 12 months, therefore providing a constant source of income for local businesses.

This, of course, is not the fault of students themselves or a 'moan about students'. The blame for this negative impact lies firmly at the feet of the council and Edge Hill, firstly for pushing through the massive expansion and secondly for not considering the negative economic impact it has had on the town's many ceased trading businesses and the few that remain.

Jane Taylor, Ormskirk.

Students could help environment by picking up their litter!

IT was a very positive action for young students to raise awareness of the problems being caused by climate change.

I was volunteering with the Countryside Rangers in Tawd Valley Park when Lathom High students left school. It was interesting to witness many of them drinking from plastic bottles and eating from foil crisp packets as they walked up Summer Street.

We collect huge numbers of plastic and glass bottles, plus foil crisp packets, all of which could be recycled.

Plastic bottles can take from 450 to 1,000 years to degrade fully. So if students leave their bottles on the ground they will still be there long after their grandchildren are throwing down their own bottles.

These plastic bottles break down into small parts which find their way into rivers, then into the sea, into fish and into people when they eat the fish.

They could also stop buying plastic bottles. Some villages in India are left without water because large cola-bottling plants take it all at source.

Aluminium used in foil packets and drinks cans, is perfect for recycling, because it basically does not degrade. So, if it is left on the ground it will be there a long time unless someone else picks it up.

It's not just down to governments, as we can all take individual action. If students want to do something simple for the environment, they could just stop leaving their litter behind and help to dispose of it properly.

Keith Laycock, by email.

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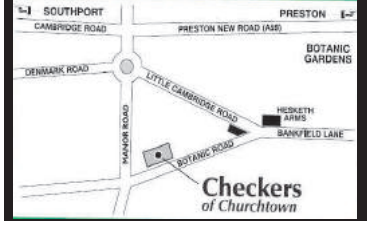

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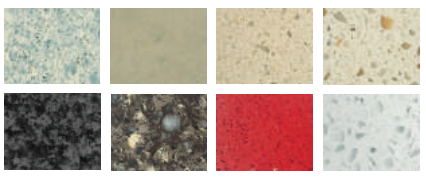

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Passenger association reports improvement in Ormskirk to Preston rail service

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A RAIL passenger pressure group has reported a vast improvement in the Ormskirk to Preston service which last year caused misery for commuters due to more than 2,000 cancellations between May and mid December.

Research by the Ormskirk, Preston and Southport Passenger Association (OPSTA) revealed that between May and November of last year, one third of trains were cancelled on the line, while other research showed that between May and December 15 only 3,701 of 5,712 of scheduled services went ahead on the route which connects with Merseyrail's Northern line.

Chaos following the introduction of a new timetable in May, allied to ongoing disruption as a result of the prolonged dispute over the future role of guards, was compounded in November when services were cancelled for a week which the rail company said was due to trains being damaged by leaves on the line.

Chris Jackson, regional director at Northern.

OPSTA now say, however, that the service has "vastly improved" for passengers.

Analysis by the group reveals most weekdays saw a disruption-free, on-time service which shows the hourly timetable introduced in May last year can be delivered.

OPSTA had met with the train operator Northern just before Christmas to discuss what measures were needed to ensure the service is reliable.

The group says those already taken by Northern are paying off, although there were 22 cancellations in January, mainly attributable to the operator.

However, it adds, in February there have been hardly any cancellations and punctuality has been "very good." OPSTA chairman Alan Fantom said: "Thankfully there has been a transformation in performance although there is more to be done to sustain a fully-reliable service.

"Northern recognises the issues and OPSTA will continue to monitor the service daily, which from now means six days a week. We will also work with the operator on performance improvement and recovery of passenger confidence."

Chris Jackson, regional director at Northern, said: "The service we provided to customers on the Preston to Ormskirk line towards the end of last year was not at the level we expect, or our customers deserve, and we are sorry for that.

"The new timetables introduced in December were designed to improve reliability and stability for customers across the region and we have seen significant improvements through December, January and February. We will continue to work on further improvements to timetables, our trains and our stations as we move through 2019."

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Anti-fracking campaigners welcome Government's refusal to relax tremor rules

Report by **Kenny Parker**

CAMPAIGNERS against fracking in West Lancashire have welcomed the Government's refusal to relax rules on fracking and hope it could spell the end of the industry in England.

As energy company Cuadrilla posted its report into its horizontal shale gas exploration well at Preston New Road, Fylde, in which it confirms there is a "rich reservoir of recoverable high-quality natural gas present", the company also said the strict 'Traffic Light System' (TLS) of rules is preventing it from fully accessing the gas reserves.

TLS triggers a temporary shutdown of operations if there is a tremor detected above 0.5 on the Richter scale while fracking is underway. There were three such 'red light' events between October, when fracking started, and December. Campaigners say there were 57 recorded tremors in total associated with the operations.

Members of anti-fracking group Moss Alliance on site at Altcar Moss.

Halted

The TLS system was introduced following Cuadrilla's previous attempt to frack in Preese Hall, Lancashire, in 2011, which was halted following two seismic events measuring 2.3 and 1.4 respectively on the Richter scale.

Cuadrilla has called for an urgent review of the TLS rules but the Government said it has no plans to review them, a stance that was welcomed by Moss Alliance, formed of groups opposed to plans by Aurora Energy Resources to frack at Altcar Moss in West Lancashire.

Spokesperson for the group, Maureen Mills, said: "We commend the Government for standing fast on the industry attack on the TLS which, incidentally, Cuadrilla helped to draw up when they were trying to convince the Government that fracking would be safe if regulated to 'Gold Standard'. Now they want their own agreed goal-posts moving to suit their agenda."

Asked if the Government's stance on the TLS meant it had no choice but to again abandon its operations, Cuadrilla said: "We plan to work with the regulators to use our data and our operating experience to assess how this can be done safely and responsibly to unlock this fantastic opportunity for this country."

Mrs Mills, said she was "absolutely hopeful" that it meant the end of fracking, but added: "I'm a realist and I know the power the industry has in some quarters in government."

Aurora declined to comment.

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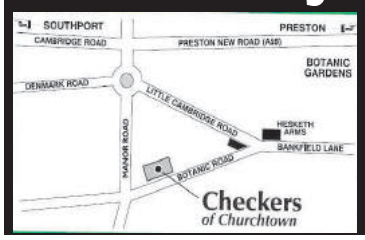

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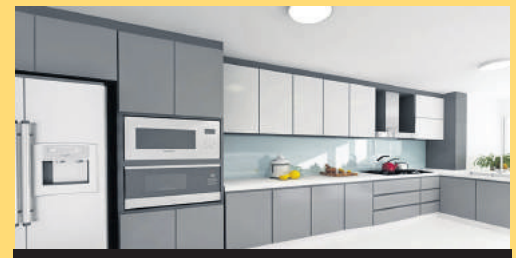

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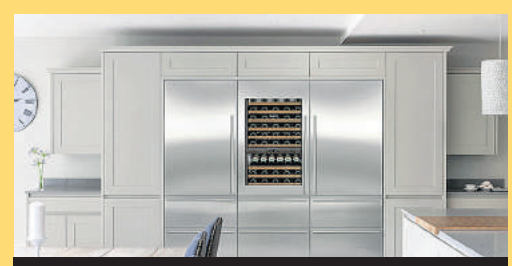

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 'BLAZE A TRAIL'

National Apprenticeship Week 2019 (NAW2019) – running from 4 to 8 March - will involve individuals, employers, partners and providers in activities that highlight the contribution that apprentices are making to employers up and down the country, and the diverse range of career opportunities on offer.

As in previous years, NAW2019 will see industry stakeholders and employers celebrate apprenticeships and their positive impact on organisations across England. Last year was a record-breaking Week, with 780 events across the country, over 33,000 people engaging with the 10,000 talks movement and #NAW2018 trending on Twitter ahead of the Oscars!

This year, the collective goal for The Week is to shift awareness of apprenticeships into action. The theme for The Week is **'Blaze a Trail'** and we are calling on employers to take the lead and showcase how apprenticeships bring new energy and passion into their businesses. It will build on the **'Fire It Up'** campaign to continue challenging the 'not-for-me' mindset towards apprenticeships.

Local stats: North West England - events, apprenticeship and vacancies

Apprenticeship starts in North West England (2018/19 Reported to Date (Aug to Oct):

19,460 starts

To discover 'live' vacancies in your local area, use the search function on find an apprenticeship here: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch
Search the National Apprenticeship Week events map to find more information about the local events happening near you: nawevents.co.uk

Keith Smith, Apprenticeships Director, Education and Skills Funding Agency said:

"The 12th annual National Apprenticeship Week, running from 4 to 8 March, will see industry stakeholders and employers celebrate apprenticeships and their positive impact on organisations across England.

"My ambition, and the collective goal for The Week, is to shift awareness of apprenticeships into action, encouraging more employers to start their own apprenticeship programme; whilst enabling more individuals, of all ages and backgrounds, to consider an apprenticeship to reinvigorate or kick start their career.

"The theme for the Week is 'Blaze a Trail' and we are calling on employers to take the lead and showcase how apprenticeships bring new energy to their businesses. There are many benefits that apprenticeships bring to individuals, employers, local communities and the wider economy and National Apprenticeship Week is the ideal opportunity to celebrate the fantastic results being an apprentice or hiring an apprentice can bring."

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Late buses I can cope with but no explanation is just not on!

YOU may have possibly gathered that in general I am a big fan of public transport,

Locally we are indeed fortunate to be served by the Merseyrail network, which is consistently top or near the top of national polls for its service. And certainly in the Bootle, Aintree, Maghull, Ormskirk and Southport areas, the bus service provided by Arriva and Stagecoach has survived far better than the bus services I have failed to find on my recent trips to Norfolk and Suffolk.

But that's not to say that everything in the garden is lovely - far from it. The recent fiasco in which the Arriva 310 service linking Aintree and Maghull (though sadly no longer Lydiate) could not, through no fault of the bus company, serve parts of Aughton, is a case in point.

The re-routing was not Arriva's fault. What was its fault (and a grievous one) was that it did not bother to tell intending passengers what was happening. Only after the story had appeared in the Champion did notices appear inside the 310 buses, but even so, would not a sticker on the public timetables en route have been an even better ploy?

Also, I know, from personal experience as well as listening to the groans of fellow would-be passengers, that of late the 300 service to Southport has gained an unenviable reputation as being nearly always late.

I confess that until today I was prepared to give Arriva the benefit of the doubt, and accept that heavy traffic in Bootle was the root cause, but now the scales have fallen from my eyes.

I had travelled to Ormskirk and since my business there took less than the expected time, I decided to take the bus to Southport, do a little shopping there and then catch the 300 back home to Maghull. I had plenty of time and arrived back at the stop with minutes to spare.

No bus appeared. But no worry, the sun was shining and there was no rush so I waited at the stop and was soon joined by other hopefuls. Half-an-hour later it became clear that this was not going to appear either.

But we stuck it out and hallelujah! a 300 was spotted travelling down to its terminus from where it was supposed to return as the 300 to Liverpool. And return it did but unhappily now showing 'Not in Service' on its route indicator!

You can imagine the reaction.

So I walked round to the Arriva office and politely asked if they were planning to run any further 300s that afternoon. And equally politely, the man behind the desk said they had problems with traffic which meant they had to rejig the service, hence the 'Not in Service' sign.

But he couldn't explain why all this meant that by now, three 300 buses had failed to turn up at all and that I had been waiting, most of the time patiently, for something like 80 minutes.

Eventually he said a 300 would materialise in five minutes. I returned to the stop and gave my fellow 'refugees' the news, though one had already made plans to repeat my outward journey and catch an Ormskirk-bound bus and hopefully get home on a 310!

The bus DID appear in something over five minutes but not before one of my disgruntled friends had been threatened that she would have to get off this bus too if she didn't stop complaining.

This kind of service is just not on. There probably was a good reason why all these buses were missing, but the 300 is a Southport garage route so I would have thought either a spare bus, or a spare driver could be conjured up from somewhere, even if it meant depriving some other route of one bus.

So, come on, Arriva. When things go wrong, some explanation and some genuine effort to tell passengers when a bus WILL arrive, surely can't be beyond your expertise?

Team GB athlete inspires youngsters to get more active

PUPILS at a West Lancs primary school were encouraged to switch off their games consoles and TVs and be more active when they enjoyed a visit from Team GB decathlete Matt Lee.

The 24-year-old went to Downholland Haskayne CE Primary to talk on how he got into sport and the benefits of an active lifestyle.

Matt first competed for England in 2015 and was on course to become national decathlon champion in 2016 before dislocating his shoulder during the pole vault round of an indoor competition.

He still went on to be selected for the GB team and although his progress was hampered by further injuries he says he is now fitter than ever and aiming to compete on both the national and international stage.

The visit to the school in Black-A-Moor Lane was arranged on behalf of Sports for Champions, a community interest company set up to encourage children to spend less time on video games, computers and watching TV.

Following the talk, Matt also joined the children in a sponsored circuit to raise money for Sports for Champions and the school.

Headteacher, Carol McIlwain, said: "We were delighted to invite Matt to our school and he was very grateful for the funds raised for Sports for Champions."

Matt Lee with pupils from Downholland and Haskayne Primary School.

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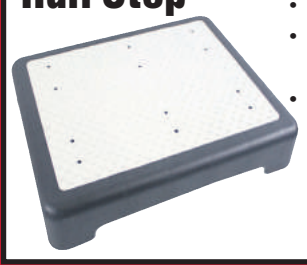

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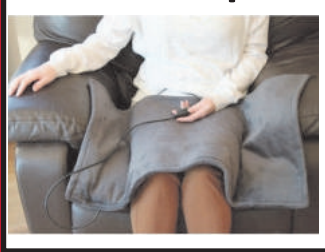

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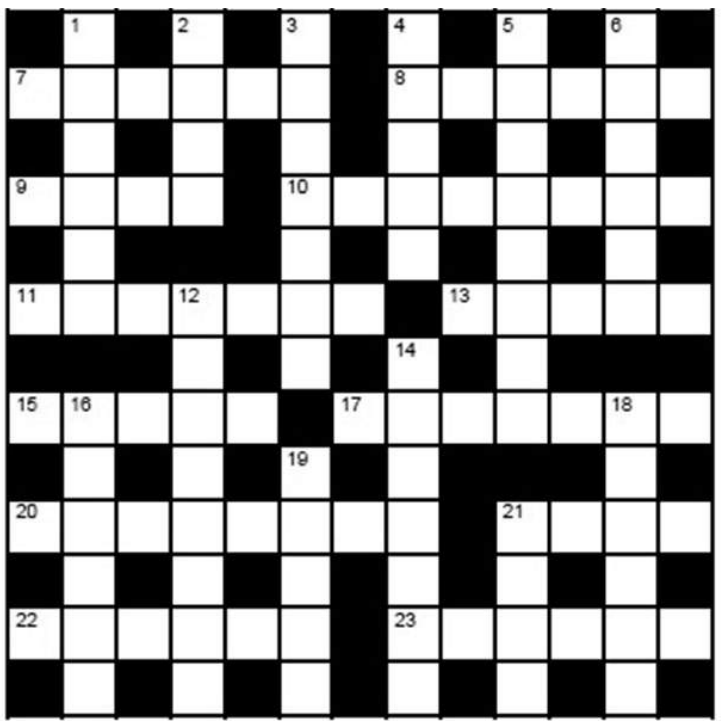

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7. The path of a river (6)
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9. Ship's company (4)
10. A person qualified to prescribe and dispense glasses and contact lenses (8)
11. Personal cleanliness (7)
13. Large body of seawater (5)
15. Milky coffee (5)
17. Footwear container or derogatory term for a small room (7)
20. Become or make greater in size, amount, or degree (8)
21. Accompanied by (another person or thing) (4)
22. Trade union that represents workers who provide public services (6)
23. Appoint a priest or minister (6)

DOWN

1. Word expressing joy or approval (6)
2. Result of a contest in which neither side wins or loses (4)
3. Brave woman, leading female character in a film or play (7)
4. Malicious ill-will (5)
5. Single-wheel, pedal-powered vehicle typically used by acrobats etc. (8)
6. Medium-sized antelope of eastern and southern Africa (6)
12. Grab the attention of (8)
14. A light, open four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage (7)
16. Canvas sheet on a frame sheltering a shop or doorway; canopy (6)
18. Acquire (6)
19. Notice read out in church announcing an intended marriage (5)
21. Walk through water (4)

Host of events lined up for Students' Union Sustainability Week

EDGE Hill University Students' Union have invited a host of North West conservation organisations to help celebrate their Sustainability Week 2019 (February 25 to March 1).

Among the highlights of the week is the Sustainability Fair being held today (Wednesday, February 27) from 10.30am to 2pm in The Hub building on the Edge Hill campus when exterior organisations and student societies will showcase what they are doing in terms of making the local area more sustainable.

Local organisations confirmed as attending the fair include Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Burscough Community Farm, Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, The Bikeworks, and Extreme Low Energy.

In addition, university staff and students will be running stalls and eco-friendly craft sessions, selling environmentally-sustainable products and showcasing how students can conserve energy on campus.

Dan Bocharnikov and Bee Society president, Amy Turner, receiving the Bees Needs award at Kew Gardens.

'Exciting'

In addition to the Sustainability Fair, there will be a wide array of events, activities and workshops running throughout the week. These include a campus nature walk with the university Grounds Team, an afternoon craft session using upcycled products donated by staff and students, and a taster session with Edge Hill Bee Society, with the opportunity to make bee hive frames in the Students' Union's award-winning allotment space.

Students' Union officer, Dan Bocharnikov, said: "We've got a brilliant week of activities organised to encourage students to get more involved with sustainability-themed issues on campus.

"We're theming a lot of our activities and resources, particularly at Wednesday's Sustainability Fair, around the UN's sustainable development goals and more specifically the top three goals that students are concerned about - cutting poverty, climate action and good health and wellbeing.

"We're hoping that students will enjoy the exciting mix of events throughout the week and that they can learn something about local sustainability and how to get involved with eco-friendly projects on campus"

Edge Hill Students' Union recently earned recognition for their conservation efforts, receiving a Bees Needs Award from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs and Green Flag, for their Sanctuary Allotment project, which aims to get more students involved in outdoor spaces on the Ormskirk campus, while also championing the proliferation of the union's bee colonies.

Sustainability Week aims to champion the work of team members and to get more students involved in green initiatives while also raising awareness on campus and in the local area.

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Call for county council to join growing consensus for action on climate change

THE Labour group on Lancashire County Council has tabled a notice of motion for the full council meeting tomorrow (Thursday, February 28) calling for the authority to join the growing number of councils who have declared a Climate Emergency.

County Councillor Erica Lewis, Labour spokesperson for highways and transport, said: "Both scientific research and our residents' experiences tells us the climate is changing and we know that we have a rapidly closing window in which to act before climate change becomes catastrophic.

"Across Lancashire and across the world young people went on strike last week, urging us as adults to take seriously the problem of climate change and to take urgent action. Too often, young people exercising civic leadership is derided by older people, as it was by some last week.

"But young people have often been key organisers in social movements across time. We should listen to the young people urging us to take action and not just talk, but act to ensure their words are heeded."

County Councillor Erica Lewis.

Cllr. Lewis also accused the county's Tory leadership of refusing in the recent budget debate to even make "small, common sense commitments" to reducing flood risk which she called "one of the most frequent experiences of climate change that our residents experience."

She said: "Tackling climate change is not just a green issue, but a pound, shillings and pence issue as well. The people most vulnerable to climate change are those who are least able to buy their way out of the increased costs and risks of climate change. We must ensure that as we transform industries the new green jobs created are secure, decently paid, union jobs. We must also make sure that coastal communities in Lancashire are protected from the threat of rising sea levels.

"Lancashire County Council has important responsibilities in areas that can make an important contribution to reducing further climate change, and adapting to the changes our communities already face.

"For example, Lancashire's work as the Lead Local Flood Authority is under-resourced and over-stretched, communities are waiting years for statutory reports that analyse the causes of flood incidents, and we do not take a strong enough line on reducing flood risk in assessing planning applications.

"While as the transport authority Lancashire should be investing more in sustainable transport options - making cycling and walking safer, calling for more powers to regulate buses and trains to improve the quality and affordability of services to encourage people to use what used to be 'public' transport."

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Grand National ticket touts face fines and being banned from area

TICKET touts at this April's Grand National meeting face being fined £75 and banned from the area after a sharp rise in the practice.

Sefton Council is proposing to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) making it an offence within a designated area to sell, offer for sale or advertise tickets for the three-day event.

The authority will now run a consultation until March 10 with residents being asked for their views on the proposed PSPO.

Councillor Paulette Lappin, Sefton Council's cabinet member for regulation and compliance, said: "Ticket touting at the Grand National is an ongoing issue and we want to curb this unpleasant practice.

"Touts can be intimidating and their behaviour may cause distress to members of the public and racegoers during what should be a completely enjoyable experience.

"We know through evidence provided to us that there has been a significant increase in the number of touts operating during the event over the last four years."

Ward councillors, Aintree Parish Council, The Jockey Club and local businesses will also be asked to give their views on the consultation.

Care trust to continue to provide service for vulnerable people in criminal justice system

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Trust will continue to provide a "vital service" for vulnerable people who have been in contact with the criminal justice system.

This follows a decision by NHS England to re-award the contract for Liaison & Diversion services across Lancashire and Cumbria to the trust for the next six years.

The remit for service is to undertake assessments in criminal justice settings of people who have been arrested and where appropriate divert them away from the criminal justice system and into health care or other appropriate services in line with their individual needs.

Alternatively, the person will be referred on to other services that will provide support or care while they continue to engage with the criminal justice system.

The service also provides court-related services which provide greater support to the magistrates and access to mental health services and wider support for those persons who find themselves before the court.

Lisa Moorhouse, Lancashire Care Trust's head of operations for mental health services.

The key principle of the service is that where identified, people of all ages in contact with the youth and criminal justice systems are screened; and where appropriate assessed or referred for assessment, so that those with mental health problems, learning disabilities, cognitive disorders, substance misuse problems and other vulnerabilities are identified as soon as possible in the justice pathway.

Those in contact with the youth or criminal justice systems as a result of being suspected of having committed a criminal offence are, where appropriate, referred to appropriate services including, but not limited to, mental and physical healthcare, social care, substance misuse treatment and safeguarding.

Lisa Moorhouse, head of operations for the trust's mental health services said: "It is fantastic that we have retained this very important service.

Developments

"We have worked with the people that use our services to develop a new service model and have been exploring opportunities to create volunteer roles for those that are in recovery.

"Moving forward we will see some exciting developments which include extended services being provided in custody suites and magistrates courts across the patch; along with the development of the peer mentor role so we can co-produce the model and ensure that the voice and experience of our service users are heard."

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Youngster inspires village clean up

RESIDENTS of a West Lancs village have given it a spruce-up after being inspired by a primary school pupil.

The 'community clean-up day' was the idea of six-year-old Myah Roch-Walker, who is in Year 1 at All Saints CE Primary in Hesketh Bank.

Supported by her mum, Jemma, and armed with litter-pickers provided by Lancashire County Council, bin bags donated by Crème de la Crème in neighbouring Tarleton, and a jet wash lent by North West Cleaning Services, Myah and friends set off around the village to bag up as much litter and dog poop as they could. And just a few hours later they had filled an amazing 30 bin bags.

The children were rewarded with sweets, donated by the local Spar, and enjoyed a picnic lunch for their efforts, which coincided with the fifth anniversary of the parish council's ***Love Hesketh Bank*** campaign.

The group were all presented with a ***Love Hesketh Bank*** badge as a thank-you.

● **Left: Myah Roch-Walker (fourth left, front row) and her group of volunteers pictured at their community clean-up.**

Commissioner opens conference aimed at tackling modern slavery

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw opened a training conference, aimed at helping partners across the county to understand the different ways people can become victims of modern slavery and how different organisations can identify and better support victims.

Attended by almost 100 delegates and organised by the commissioner's office with support from Pan Lancashire Anti Slavery Partnership, the 'table top exercise' worked through different scenarios on how to spot the signs of modern slavery and understanding how different agencies roles and skills can best be used to help get people to safety.

The event builds on work already done in Lancashire with training sessions over the course of the last two years delivered by Hope for Justice, which saw more than 500 people trained from across the public sector and non-governmental organisations. The course later won a Training Journal Award for Best Public Service/Not for Profit Programme. Training through the partnership is also ongoing.

The commissioner's office also links in with other organisations nationally, sharing best practice and ensuring that all the work in Lancashire is consistent with approaches across the country.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Tackling modern slavery is a priority for us in Lancashire, with training like this an important part of the work that continues to be done, all aimed at helping those being exploited whilst bringing offenders to justice.

"We know there are vulnerable victims out there and every organisation at this training today has a role to play in helping Lancashire Police take necessary action to protect them.

"I am proud of the resources I have put into this fight, which places us at the forefront of anti-trafficking work nationally, and is a really important part of making our communities safer."

DS Abi Finch Hall, modern slavery human trafficking co-ordinator at Lancashire Constabulary, added: "Working collaboratively is the key to tackling this form of exploitation and Lancashire Constabulary will continue to explore opportunities to work with partners to help eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery from Lancashire."

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Entries open for second Formby Car Show

ENTRIES are now being taken for the second Formby Car Show.

Organised by the Ormskirk and District Motor Club, the event will be staged in the grounds of Formby Pool, in Elbow Lane on Sunday, June 30.

One of the organisers, Nick Stafford, said that the success of first show had prompted the club to move it to an earlier date alongside the established Formby Live when the town is expected to be packed.

He added that the club is now working on special displays to complement other activities being held in the town in order to deliver a fantastic event for both car enthusiasts and non-enthusiast visitors alike.

Online registration is now open on the club website at ormskirkanddistrictmotorclub.co.uk and all vehicles are welcome including classics, vintage and veteran, custom, kit, specials, performance or competition.

Insurer launches campaign aimed at stamping out livestock worrying attacks

Claims figures show that farm animals worth more than £500,000 have been savaged by dogs in the North West over past four years

Report by **Henry James**

A MAJOR rural insurer is mounting a new campaign urging dog owners to keep their pets under control, as horrific attacks on sheep and other livestock continue to take their toll on farmers in the North West.

Although new research shows more owners are putting their pets on leads when livestock are nearby, NFU Mutual is increasingly concerned by reports of dogs let out in gardens, escaping and attacking sheep in neighbouring fields.

Research by the company reveals one in six owners admitted their dog had escaped from home. And more people (52% up from 43% last year) are allowing their pets to go out in the garden unaccompanied when they're not at home.

According to claims figures from NFU Mutual, which insures three-quarters of farmers, farm animals worth more than £500,000 have been savaged by dogs in the North West over the past four years.

Known as livestock worrying, dog attacks on farm animals can result in horrific and often fatal injuries. Even if a dog doesn't make contact, the distress of the chase can cause sheep to die and miscarry their lambs. The peak time for attacks is from January to April, during the lambing period.

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A poster issued by NFU Mutual as part of its campaign to stamp out livestock worrying attacks in the region.

According to the research carried out this year, 87% of dog owners exercise their pets in the countryside, with more than 60% letting them roam off the lead.

Most owners (61%) would try to stop their dog chasing a sheep in the countryside and supported measures to crack down on the problem of livestock worrying. Three-quarters of dog owners said they would support heavy fines, 66% would support a ban on dogs from livestock fields during lambing season, while 57% would back laws enabling DNA testing of dogs and 42% would support owners being banned from keeping dogs if their pet had been involved in an attack.

Rebecca Davidson, rural insurance specialist for NFU Mutual, said: "While it's encouraging news that more people are putting their dog on the lead while out in the countryside, dog attacks are still at a very high level.

'Roaming wild'

"We are receiving increasing reports of local dogs escaping from homes and attacking sheep, either because their owners do not know or don't care that their dogs are roaming wild and causing havoc.

"Thousands of sheep are being killed and horribly mutilated by dogs and we will be redoubling our efforts to raise awareness of the issue, and helping police to bring owners of dogs which attack livestock to justice."

With many families expected to visit the countryside over the coming months, the insurer is urging dog owners to keep their pets on a lead at all times in the countryside and for people to report out-of-control dogs to a local farmer or the police.

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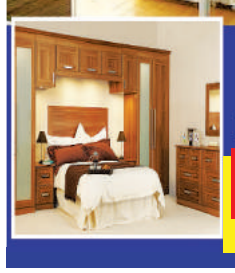

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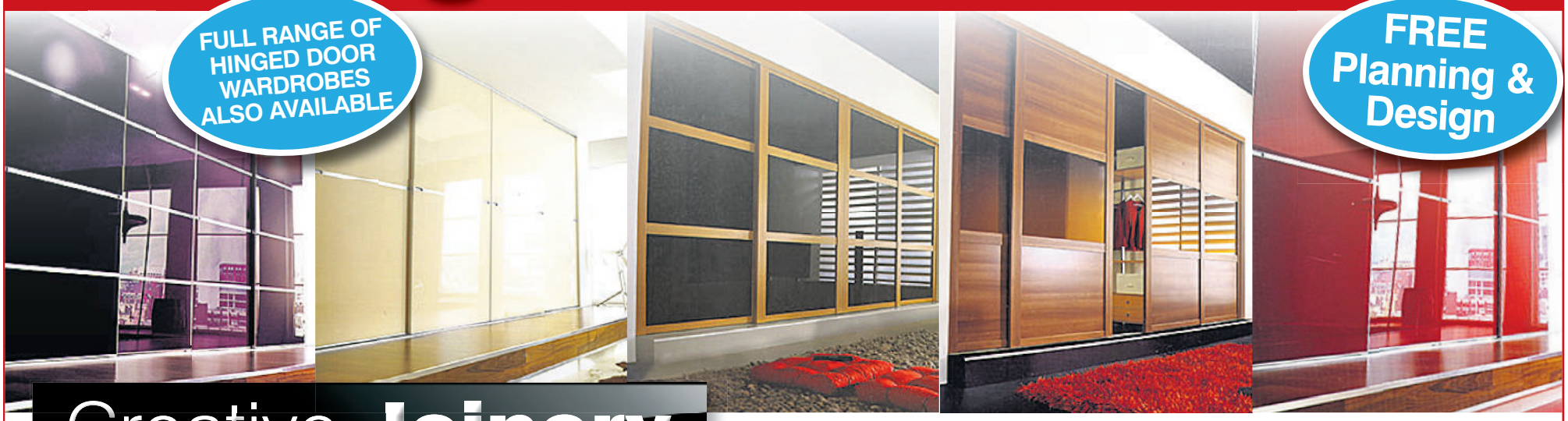

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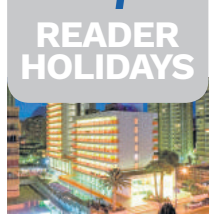

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Scholarship's a boost for Isaak's Paralympic dream

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN ambitious student at Edge Hill is aiming to secure a place among the world's para-badminton elite - with a little help from a scholarship awarded by the Ormskirk university.

Isaak Dalglish, a second-year sports coaching and development degree student, already has World and European Championship medals to his name having first taken up the sport 10 years ago.

Now he is hoping to improve his world ranking and secure a place on the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team for the Paralympics.

The 20-year-old was given a vital helping hand when he was awarded an Edge Hill Sport Scholarship (gold) award in 2017. This gives him an extra £1,000 per academic year towards his studies, along with an annual gym membership on campus, personal training and sport science support tailored to his individual needs.

Isaak said: "My scholarship enables me to pay for tournaments, travel costs and accommodation, and has given me extra motivation."

Para-badminton ace Isaak Dalglish with two of his medals - now he's hoping to make the Great Britain and Northern Ireland squad for the Paralympics.

His career highlights to date include a silver in doubles at the 2015 World Championship and two silvers at the Europeans in 2018.

Currently ranked No.11 in the world in singles, Isaak is preparing for his third World Championships in Basel, Switzerland in August when a strong performance is key if he wants to realise his main goal of being selected for the national Paralympics squad.

Targets

He said: "The initial aim is to become top eight in the world in singles and I want to achieve two medals in Switzerland but with qualification for the 2020 Paralympics starting, competition is becoming stronger."

Isaak admits the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020 may come too soon for him, with the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Paris Paralympics in 2024 more likely targets - although he doesn't expect qualification to be easy.

"The criteria is strict for the Paralympics with only one athlete - or doubles pairing - from each nation allowed in each event.

"As I am not UK Sport-funded, the aim is the 2022 Commonwealth Games and then, ultimately, Paris 2024."

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Javier was awarded the 'National Music Prize' in 2012 by the Ministry of Culture of Spain. He has been described by The Telegraph as "a pianist of impeccable and refined tastes, blessed with a warmth of touch".

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During the 2018 and 2019 season, after a Spanish tour with conductor Juanjo Mena and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Perianes returns to the Royal Festival Hall to perform a Beethoven Cycle over two consecutive evenings. He will also perform Beethoven on tours in Australia, New Zealand and the United States ending at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Concert Tickets are £18.00 for adults and £5 for young persons and students. To book or order tickets please go online to www.parbolddouglasmusic.org , E-mail: tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org or telephone: 01257 498452 (booking answerphone).

A limited number of stand-by tickets are always available at the Box Office on the evening of the concert.

His 2016 Parbold concert was a revelation of brilliant pianism. At the time he said he said he wanted to return in order to play Chopin's music on Parbold Douglas Music's superb Steinway because Chopin, the piano and venue were perfectly matched.

His concert on Saturday, March 9, is a programme of favourite Chopin pieces and music from his homeland.

He will perform Frédéric Chopin's Nocturnes and Sonata No. 3, and a selection of pieces from Isaac Albeniz's suite Iberia and Manuel de Falla's ballet The Three-Cornered Hat.

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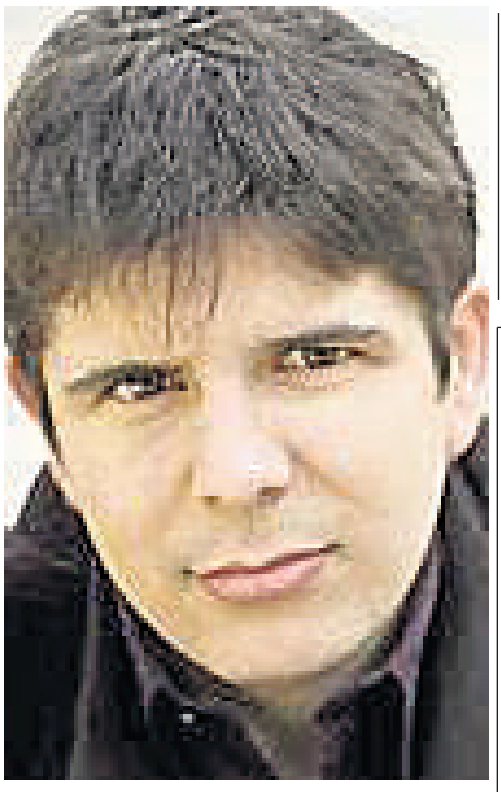

Javier Perianes

Burke has returned to show

ALEXANDRA Burke has returned to the starring role of Rachel Marron in The Bodyguard which can be seen at the Liverpool Empire until Saturday, March 9.

The singer had a triumphant run in the show in the West End and the sell out UK tour.

She first rose to fame after winning the fifth series of The X Factor and her debut number one single Hallelujah sold more than one million copies in the UK, a first for a British female soloist. She most recently appeared as Svetlana in Chess at the London Coliseum and will soon appear as Roxie in Chicago at the West End's Phoenix Theatre.

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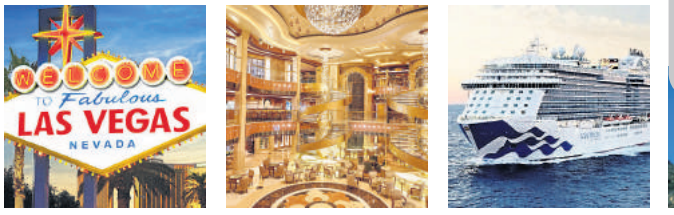

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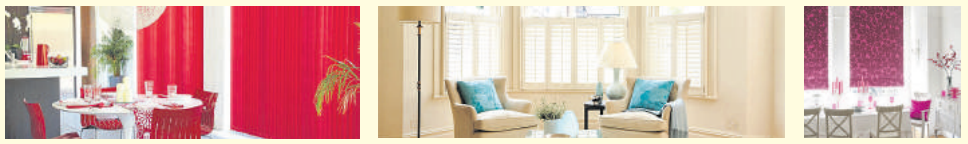

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DRAPER JAMES

James's family would like to express their heartfelt and sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the beautiful floral tributes, sympathy cards, messages of condolence, and donations received for The North West Air Ambulance, and Assistance Dogs received during their recent sad loss. Thanks to everyone for the overwhelming support and attendance at the funeral service for James, to Father Des Seddon for his kind words and prayers of comfort, and Lisa Hunter and all the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their care and support throughout.

BANKS JOHN MARTIN

Carol, Hayley, Helena and family would like to thank everyone for attending the funeral service at St Cuthberts Church, Halsall. Appreciation for the many cards and kind words of sympathy at such a difficult time. A special thanks to Reverend Dr. Alex Baker for his support and warm ministrations. Also, a grateful thank you to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors for their caring and professional services.

COX HELENA

Malcolm, Peter, Julie and Nicola, would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for Parkinsons Disease received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Wife, Mum and Grandmother. Thanks also to Father Des Seddon for his kind words of comfort and to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CROSTON ERIC

Pat, Rachel & Rebecca would like to express their thanks to Relatives, Friends, Neighbours, Eric's Ex-Work colleagues & Lodge members for their support, words of kindness and their presence at St. Michaels Church. All donations for Queenscourt Hospice were gratefully received. We would also like to thank Andrew Housley for his heartfelt service and to Sally Hunter and all at MLS for their dignified & compassionate Funeral Arrangements.

BAXTER ALEC WILLIAM

Janet and family would like to express sincere heartfelt thanks to everyone that attended Alec's funeral and cards and sympathy expressed. Alec will be sadly missed for his character, wit and straight talking. Taking time to talk to people while on his bike rides with Tess, his faithful Jack Russell. So with a hop a skip and a smile we wave you goodbye. Goodnight, god bless my love. Janet.

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HUGHES IAN

Jeanette & Family would like to thank all the many relatives, friends and neighbours, for all their kind messages, cards, support & love & to all those who attended the funeral of their beloved Ian. Thank you also to Dr. Harris of Aughton Surgery, Rev. Andrew Housley, Sarah of Pure Floral Design and Louise & Martin of Aughton Institute. Special thanks to MLS especially Anabel for looking after Ian and for the dignified funeral arrangements. Also the kindness & thoughtfulness shown to all the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DODSON EDDIE

Su would like to express her sincere thanks and appreciation to all friends and neighbours, for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations received for the R.N.L.I. and to all who attended the Funeral Service for her late Father Eddie. Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff on Ward 9a Southport District General Hospital for all their kindness and care, Father Godric and Father Boniface for the Beautiful Funeral Mass, the Skelmersdale Veteran Association for the Guard of honour, and Sally Hunter & all at MLS For the dignified Funeral arrangements.

BARTON GEORGE LEONARD

Rosanne and Family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice, during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr. Bishop-Cornett and ward 11b at Southport General Hospital for their kindness and care given, and also to Sally Hunter & the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for her professional and dignified funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

LACEY MARGARET

1st March 2018

We miss talking to you
We miss the laughter
We miss our trips out
We miss you Mum

But Mum

As long as we have memories
As long as we have tears
You'll never be forgotten
Not in a million years

Loving Husband and Family

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IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Patricia

27th February 2005

I wish that I could see you Mum
for just a little while,
I wish that I could hug you and see your lovely smile,
I miss you most when I need a friend,
On you I always could depend,
Kind and thoughtful a Mum so true,
My dearest possession is the memory of you.
Loving daughter San and Alec
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Johnson Patricia

27th February 2005

The hardest thing in life to bear,
is to want your Nan and she's not there.

Loving granddaughter Alison X X

Love and miss you loads Gran, Great Granddaughter Aimée X X

Johnson Patricia

27th February 2005

Nan we miss you more than words can say,
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

Grandson Phil, Kelly and Great Grandson Daniel
XXX

DALEY SAMUEL (SAM)

27th February

To my dear Husband Sam.
Just to let you know we are always thinking of you.
You are in our hearts for ever and ever.
We love and miss you so very much.

From your broken hearted Wife Pat,
Daughter Maria,
Grandsons Adam, Brad & Sam and Grandaughters Amy & Rosanna.
Great Grandchildren Tom, Adam & Ruby.

'Rest In Peace'
xxxx

IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Patricia

27th February 2005

We can't have the old days back when we were all together, but secret tears and loving thoughts will be with us forever. Love and miss you always Mum

Gary, Angela, Abbie and Chloe
XXXX

DEATHS

TILL FRANK

15th February 2019

Aged 57 years

Devoted and much loved Husband to Pam, one in a million Dad to Mark, Emily and his wonderful dogs Bentley and Edward. Frank will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Tuesday 5th March at 1:00pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

WHITEHEAD GARY (GAZ)

17th February 2019

Aged 56 years

Devoted Husband of Tracy. Loving and generous Dad to Laura and Dan, Father-in-law to Dave and much loved Grandad to Harry, Zack and Alfie. Dear brother of Derek, Ray and Ian. Gaz will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 1st March at 3:20pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt at Home. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

ASPINALL LESLIE (LES)

16th February 2019

Aged 81 years

Devoted Husband of the late Nadine. Much loved Uncle and Great Uncle to all his Nieces, Nephews and families. Dear Brother-in-law of Doreen. Les will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 1st March at 12:40pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

EVANS LYNDA

19th February 2019

Aged 57 years

Died at Queenscourt Hospice after a short illness surrounded by her family. Devoted Daughter of Anne and the later Archie, loving Mum of Jane and cherished Granny of Keri, Lucy and Jack. Much loved Sister of Alan and Susan. Lynda will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th March at 11:20am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

WALL PATRICK 'PADDY'

20th February 2019, passed away peacefully after a short illness.

Loving Husband to Una, devoted Dad to Ray and Carole and loving Grandad to Holly. Devoted Brother to Bethna. Paddy will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and the community of Burscough where he patrolled as a local police officer for many years. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 10:45. Family flowers only, Donations if desired will be greatly received for Bloodwise. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY,

WEBB GORDON

20th February 2019 aged 79 years passed away peacefully at Stockshall Nursing Home, Burscough.

Will be missed by his Wife Hilary, Sons Paul, Philip & Matthew & Special Daughters, Angie & Simona. Grandchildren Deegan, Morgan & Katelyn. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 1st March 2019 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North. Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

DYKES SHAUN

Aged 56

Died 31st January 2019

Shaun will be missed by his family, many friends and all who knew him. Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 11.30am. Family flowers only however donations are being accepted in fond memory of Shaun for British Heart Foundation.

Further Enquiries to NEWLAND & WILKINSON Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6RJ 01772 811165

WINTERS SYLVIA MAY

14th February 2019

Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale aged 89 years

A loving Mum, Nana, Great Nana and Great Great Nana to all her family. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 4th March 2019 at 1:00pm. Floral tributes welcome or donations are being gratefully received for North West Cancer Research. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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DEATHS

SLOAN THELMA

18th February 2019
Passed away peacefully at Stocks Hall Residential Home Ormskirk aged 86 years

Devoted Wife of the late Jim, dearly loved Mum of Ian & Wife Kathy, and a much loved Grandma of John. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 28th February at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for the Alzheimer's Society.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

HALSALL SUSAN JANE

Sue passed away peacefully at Parklands Lodge Nursing Home on Thursday 14th February 2019, aged 72.

Devoted loving Wife of David, Much Loved Mum to Steven, Paul and John and Mother-In-Law to Melanie, Victoria and Helen. Loving Nana to her Grandchildren Harry, Ava, Dulcie, Florence, Oliver and Isabelle. Funeral Service (excluding dark clothing) will take place at St Johns Church, Birkdale on Monday 4th March 2019 at 12.30pm followed by a private family committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations are being collected in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries please to Co-operative Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4PD, Tel: 01704 550011

RICHARDS CHRISTOPHER

Passed away on Thursday 14th February after a long illness suddenly in hospital Aged 82 years

Much loved Husband of Brenda for 52 years, sadly missed Father of Peter, Lucy and Nick, also Grandfather of Phillip and Emily.
Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 4th March at 3.20pm. Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to Age UK. All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors 33 Liverpool Road Southport PR8 4AG. Tel 01704 550055

RENNIE MICHAEL "MICK"

After a short illness, peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice with his family around him 21st February 2019 aged 50 years

Much loved Partner to Sarah and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium, Southport Road, Southport PR8 5JQ on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 12:40pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations on behalf Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries please to: Ormskirk Co-operative Funeralcare, 22C Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel 01695 577244

SHORTALL JACKIE

On 18th February 2019 Peacefully in Hospital Aged 75 years

Beloved Wife of Bill, dear Sister of Maureen, loving Mother of Susan, Michael, Barry and Carl. Dear Step Mum of Bill, Sean and Joanne, much loved Grandma of Tessa, Cal, Jess, Max, Leo, Amy and Erin, and proud Great Grandmother of Ellie.
'Jackie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends'.
Funeral service will take place at Marshside Road Methodist Church on Monday 4th March at 1:30pm, followed by the Committal at Southport Crematorium.
No flowers by request donations if so desired for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

MCCLENAGHAN ANTHONY NICHOLAS 'NICK'

Passed away suddenly 15th February 2019 aged 44 years

Much loved and loving Son of Fred and Cynthia. Dearly loved Brother to Adrian and Elizabeth.
Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to Thrombosis UK or Jo'S Cervical Cancer Trust.

Donations and further enquires please to Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

McBRETNEY BARBARA

On 21st February 2019 Peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice Aged 76 Years

Beloved Wife of the late Peter, loving Mum of Gary, Stuart and Robert, dear Mother in law of Paul, Ela, Julie and Julie, much loved Nanna of Lisa, Jenna, William and Emma, and Great Nanna of Isla.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 4th March at 11:20am.
Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

MCAULEY LUCILLE

21st February 2019 Passed away peacefully in Springfield Court Nursing Home, Aughton, aged 70 years

Dear Sister of Bill, Charlie and Mhoraigh, Sister-in-law to Jenny and Sarah, Aunt to LucyBeth, Ruth and Grace, and Great-Aunt to Gabrielle.
Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for the British Heart Foundation.
For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Louis Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888

MENDY PAUL JOHN

Suddenly aged 52 years

Much loved by Auntie Nancy. Loving Brother of Tina, Tony, Pam, Deb and John. A much loved Uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Paul will be sadly missed by his family and many friends, and all who knew him.

Funeral service will take place at Ormskirk Parish Church, Church Street, Ormskirk on Monday 4th March 2019 at 10:45am, followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery, Woolton Road, Garston, Liverpool at 1pm.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations on behalf of Action For Children.

Further enquiries please to: Ormskirk Co-operative Funeralcare, 22C Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel 01695 577244

KEARLEY IAN JOSEPH

20th February 2019 aged 50 years Taken suddenly from his family

Ian, much loved Son of Renee and Joe (deceased). Brother to Maxine, Geoff, Stuart and Tony. Dad to Louis, Dean, Sophie and Edward. Grandad and Uncle. "Sadly missed but never forgotten."
Funeral service at St. Helens Crematorium on Friday 8th March at 2.30pm.
Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

JAMES ADRIAN GREGORY

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital on 4th February 2019 aged 75 years, Of Ormskirk formerly of Chorley

Dearly Loved husband of Mary, Much Loved Dad of Louise, Anne & Clare, Loving Grandad of James, Phoebe, Emma & Zoe, Loved and missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Mass took place at St. Annes R.C Church Ormskirk on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 12noon, followed by Interment at West Lancs Cemetery. There where family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice and Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

ANDERTON JOHN (JACK)

24th February 2019 Peacefully at his home in Lathom surrounded by his loving family aged 86 years

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium , Burscough on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 10:00am.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

NORMA JOAN ROBINSON (Nee Edwards)

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Norma died peacefully after a long illness. Funeral Service to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Maghull on Monday 4th March 2019 at 1:30pm followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please, Donations in memory of Norma are being collected for The Alzheimer's Society c/o Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB Tel: 0151 5203330.

TODD JAMES BERNARD

On 15th February 2019 At Home Aged 74 years

Reunited with his beloved Wife Catherine.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 6th March at 9:20am.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for British Heart Foundation.
Donations and Further enquiries to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

TOOHEY MICHAEL JOHN

26th January 2019 Aged 55 years

Will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.
Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 6th March at 2pm.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Oxfam.
All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4AG. Tel 01704 550055.

DEATHS

MARTIN PAULINE JEAN

15th February 2019 Aged 93 Years

Pauline will be sadly missed by her friends, carers and all who knew her. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 11th March 2019 at 2:00pm.
Donations if desired to George & Pauline Martin charitable trust c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

ASHCROFT JOHN THOMAS

After a short illness, aged 66 years on 7th February

John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at 11.30am.
Family flowers only by request please, the family are gratefully receiving donations for St Catherine's Hospice. Further enquiries to W H Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston. PR4 6UP. Tel: 01772 812 409.

HESKETH RAY

14th February 2019 peacefully surrounded by his family aged 69 years

Dearly loved Husband of Jean, Loving Dad of Simon and Chris, Devoted Grandad of Hayleigh, Lucus, Carter, Scarlett & Lizzie.
Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 4th March 2018 at 10.45 am.
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BESCAR LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick at the level crossing for approximately 20 metres travelling in either direction.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Sunday 10th March 2019 until 0700 hours on Monday 11th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

A diversion route is not available in this location

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow renewal of level crossing barrier works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16519/KF]

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
FOOTPATH AT AYREFIELD ROAD AND AYREFIELD HOUSE, UP HOLLAND
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 13th February 2019, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the area by adding a footpath from a point on Ayrefield Road immediately east of 59 Ayrefield Road at SD 5229 0758 (point A on the Order Map) to continue along Ayrefield Road in an approximately easterly direction to SD 5257 0763 (point B) where the footpath leaves the road immediately before the gated entrance into Ayrefield House and passes through a gate to continue in a generally easterly direction along a track through the grounds of Ayrefield House to SD 5265 0763 (point C) where it turns to continue in a generally south south easterly direction across an open area to a kissing gate on the field boundary to meet Footpath Up Holland 2 at SD 5267 0760 (point D) as shown on the Order Map by a broken black line.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map may be seen free of charge at the offices of the West Lancashire Borough Council, and at my offices from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. Copies of the Order and Map may be bought there at the price of £1.00.

Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be sent in writing to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ (REF: LSG4/CB7/888.1455/804.600) not later than 10th April 2019, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or if any so made are withdrawn, Lancashire County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated this 27th February 2019.

LAURA SALES, Director of Corporate Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

This does not form part of the above Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, Hoscar from 20m from Hoscar Level Crossing to 20m from Hoscar Level Crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 16th March 2019 until 0700 hours on Sunday 17th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained for pedestrians only. Works to take place during an overnight closure
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Hoscar Moss Road – Wanes Blade Road – Mains Lane – Hall Lane – Robin Lane – Chorley Road – Lancaster Lane – Alder Lane – Ash Brow – Course Lane – Lowry Hill Lane – Briars Lane – Ring O Bells Lane – Hoscar Moss Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow railway works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16759/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTAGE LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cottage Lane, Ormskirk from the Junction of Brighouse Close to outside property 43 Cottage Lane in the West Lancashire Borough.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 4th March 2019 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 12th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained for pedestrians.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cottage Lane – Halsall Lane – County Road – Cottage Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow new connection works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16632/KF]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BIRCH GREEN ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Birch Green Road, Skelmersdale:-
For section 1 – from its junction with Feltons to its junction with Findon
For section 2 – from at point at the Birch Green Road roundabout at Woodlands Primary School to the Birth Green Road rounabout heading in an easterly direction.
For section 3 – from its junction with Fosters Green Road to the Birch Green Road roundabout heading in a north direction.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours until 1500 hours on Monday 4th March 2018 until Wednesday 13th March 2018, or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
For section 1 - diversion via Northway, A577 Houghtons Road and the Houghtons Road roundabout at Ashurst Road.
For section 2 - diversion via the Birch Green Road loop.
For section 3 - diversion via Northway, A577 Houghtons Road and the Houghtons Road roundabout at Ashurst Road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/14737/HD]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
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(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, FYLDE, HYNDBURN, LANCASTER, PENDLE, PRESTON, RIBBLE VALLEY, ROSSENDALE, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCASHIRE, WYRE) (REVOCATIONS AND VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS 2018 SEPTEMBER (No1)) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the following: a) "The St Helens Ormskirk Southport Trunk Road (Prohibition of Waiting) (Clearways) Order 1979" insofar as it relates to Item 1 of Schedule 1; b) The "Lancashire County Council (Chorley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: i) Items (103) (ii), (194) a), and (248) a) (i) of Schedule 10.01; ii) Item (8) of Schedule 13.01. c) The "Lancashire County Council (Pendle Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (67) (ii) of Schedule 10.01; d) The "Lancashire County Council (Rossendale Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: i) Item (23) of Schedule 2.01; ii) Item (21) b) (iv) of Schedule 11.075. e) The "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (123) a) (i) of Schedule 10.01; f) The "Lancashire County Council (Wyre Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: i) Item (1) of Schedule 2.01; ii) Items (6) a), (6) b) (i) and (6) b) (iii) of Schedule 10.01; iii) Items (1) a), (1) b) (i) and (1) b) (ii) of Schedule 11.093; iv) Items (1) a), (1) b) (i) and (1) b) (ii) of Schedule 14.37. g) The "Lancashire County Council (Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee, Pendle Borough) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2009" in full; h) The "Lancashire County Council (Ashton Road, Lancaster, Lancaster City) (Part Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting and Introduction of a Mandatory Cycle Lane) Order 2010" insofar as it relates to Item 1 of Schedule 2;
i) The "Lancashire County Council (A570 St Helens Road/Ormskirk Road, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) Part Revocation and Clearway) Order 2011" in full; j) The "Lancashire County Council (Fishergate Area, Preston, Preston City) (Revocation and Introduction of Parking Restrictions) Order 2015" insofar as it relates to Item t) of Schedule 7; k) The "Lancashire County Council (Brindle Street, Duke Street, Harrison Road, Pilling Lane, Chorley, Chorley Borough) (Revocation and Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2018" insofar as it relates to Items h., m. and r. of Schedule 2.

2. Introduce a prohibition of waiting at any time in the following lengths of road: a) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 96.5 metres in a westerly direction; b) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 32.5 metres in a westerly direction; c) Adelaide Street, the south side, from a point 180.5 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 9 metres in a westerly direction (to its junction with North Albert Street); d) Albert Street, Fleetwood, the east side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 14 metres in a southerly direction; e) Ashton Road, Lancaster, the east side, from its junction with the centre line of Bridge Road, in a southerly direction to its junction with the centre line of Cherry Tree Drive; f) Ashton Road, Lancaster, the west side, from a point 55 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Bridge Road, in a southerly direction to its junction with the centre line of Pathfinders Drive; g) Back Lancaster Road South 247-251, Morecambe, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Rosebery Avenue for its entire length to its junction with the centreline of Back Rosebery Avenue South; h) Bolton Road, Abbey Village, the north east side, from a point 26 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Dole Lane for a distance of 79 metres in a south-easterly direction; i) Buckshaw Station Approach, Buckshaw Village, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Ordnance Road for a distance of 25 metres in a southerly direction; j) Burnley Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from a point 9 metres south of its junction with the centreline of Laund Street for a distance of 49 metres in a northerly direction; k) Burnley Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Barley Holme Road for a distance of 30 metres in a southerly direction; l) Chapel Street, Brierfield, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Colne Road to its junction with the centreline of Humphrey Street; m) Chapel Street, Chorley, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Victoria Street for a distance of 9 metres in an easterly direction; n) Chapel Street, Chorley, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Railway Street in a westerly direction to a point 34 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Victoria Street; o) Clover Road, Chorley, the west side, from a point 71 metres north of its junction with the centreline of Lydgate for a distance of 141 metres in a northerly direction; p) Colyton Road, Chorley, the south side, from a point 13 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Plymouth Grove for a distance of 26 metres in an easterly direction; q) Dock Street, Fleetwood, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction; r) Dock Street, Fleetwood, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 31.5 metres in a southerly direction; s) Duke Street, Chorley, the south east side, from its junction with the centreline of Brindle Street for a distance of 28 metres in a north-easterly direction; t) Dyer Street, Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Marquis Street for a distance of 12 metres in a southerly direction; u) Dyer Street, Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Sunny Bank for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction; v) Eastham Street, Clitheroe, both sides, both sides from its junction with the centreline of Waddington Road for a distance of 13 metres in a north-easterly direction; w) Ladyman Street, Preston, the north east side, for its entire length; x) Ladyman Street, Preston, the south west side, from a point 25 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Good Street for a distance of 4 metres in a north-easterly direction; y) Liverpool Road, Hutton, the south side, from a point 5 metres south-west of its junction with the centreline of Moor Lane for a distance of 27 metres in a north-easterly direction; z) Marquis Street, Kirkham, the north side, from its junction with the centreline of Station Road for a distance of 44 metres in a south-westerly direction; aa) Marquis Street, Kirkham, the south side, from a point 11.5 metres north-east of its junction with the centreline of Dyer Street for a distance of 23 metres in a south-westerly direction; bb) Marquis Street, Kirkham, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Station Road for a distance of 26 metres in a south-westerly direction; cc) Milton Avenue, Clitheroe, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Waddington Road for a distance of 14 metres in a south-westerly direction; dd) Moor Lane, Hutton, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Liverpool Road for a distance of 43 metres in a south-easterly direction; ee) Moor Street, Ormskirk, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Railway Road to its junction with the centreline of St Helens Road; ff) Nelson Street, Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Wellington Street for a distance of 13 metres in an easterly direction; gg) Nelson Street, Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Station Road (U49465) for a distance of 13 metres in a westerly direction; hh) Ordnance Road, Buckshaw Village, the south side, from a point 18 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Buckshaw Station Approach for a distance of 36 metres in an easterly direction; ii) Peel Street, Oswaldtwistle, the north west side, from its junction with the centreline of Thomas Street in a north-easterly direction for its entire length; jj) Pilling Lane, Chorley, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Bolton Road, in a south-westerly direction to a point 9 metres south-west of its junction with the centreline of Goulding Street; kk) Pimbo Lane, Up Holland, the north west side, from a point 342 metres north-east of its junction with the centreline of Long Lane for a distance of 383 metres in a north-easterly direction; ll) Pimbo Lane, the south east side, from a point 450.5 metres north-east of its junction with the centreline of Long Lane for a distance of 279 metres in a north-easterly direction; mm) Plymouth Grove, Chorley, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Colyton Road for a distance of 13 metres in a southerly direction; nn) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, the west side, from a point 13 metres north of its junction with the centreline of Sunny Bank for a distance of 26 metres in a southerly direction; oo) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Marquis Street for a distance of 14.5 metres in a south-easterly direction; pp) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Station Road (B5192) for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction; qq) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, the north east side, from a point 8 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Nelson Street for a distance of 30 metres in a south-easterly direction; rr) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, the south west side, from a point 8 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Nelson Street for a distance of 16 metres in a south-easterly direction; ss) Station Road (U49465), Kirkham, the south west side, from its junction with the centreline of Marquis Street for a distance of 23 metres in a north-westerly direction; tt) Sunny Bank, Kirkham, both sides, from a point 10 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Dyer Street / Wellington Street for a distance of 20 metres in a westerly direction; uu) Sunny Bank, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Station Road (U49465) for a distance of 13 metres in a westerly direction; vv) Towngate, Leyland, all sides, from its junction with the centre line of Church Road to its junction with the centre line of Worden Lane; ww) Unnamed Road (boat 121a) Leading to Leebrook Road, Rawtenstall, the north side, from its junction with the centreline Burnley Road for a distance of 11 metres in a westerly direction; xx) Waddington Road, Clitheroe, both sides, from a point 13 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Milton Avenue/Eastham Street for a distance of 24 metres in a south-easterly direction; yy) Wellington Street, Kirkham, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Sunny Bank for a distance of 11 metres in a southerly direction; zz) Wellington Street, Kirkham, the east side, from a point 10 metres north of its junction with the centreline of Nelson Street for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction.

3. Introduce a prohibition of loading at any time in the following lengths of road: a) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 96.5 metres in a westerly direction; b) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 32.5 metres in a westerly direction; c) Dock Street, Fleetwood, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction; d) Dock Street, Fleetwood, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 31.5 metres in a southerly direction; e) Mount Street, Preston, both sides, from its junction with the centreline of Fishergate for a distance of 36 metres in a southerly direction.

4. Introduce a prohibition of stopping at any time in the following lengths of road: a) Euxton Lane (B5252), Chorley, from a point 17 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Badgers Walk, in a westerly direction to its junction with B5252 West Way; b) West Way (B5252), Euxton, from its junction with Euxton Lane, in a southerly direction to its junction with the A581, Southport Road; c) Euxton Lane (C196), Chorley, from its junction with West Way in a westerly direction to a point 65 metres west of its junction with the centre line of the A49, Wigan Lane; d) Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, from its junction with Ormskirk Road (A570) to and including the roundabout forming its junction with Skelmersdale Road (A506) and Lylake Lane (B5240) Bickerstaffe; e) Ormskirk Road, Bickerstaffe, from its junction with Liverpool Road (A506), in a north-westerly direction to its junction with St Helens Road (A570); f) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, Both sides from its junction with Ormskirk Road (A570),in a north-westerly direction, to a point 421 south-east of its junction with Small Lane.

5. Introduce a prohibition of stopping on school keep clear markings, from Monday to Friday, between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road:
a) Marsden Hall Road North, the south east side, from a point 53 metres north east of the property boundary of 96 Marsden Hall Road North, for a distance of 32 metres in a north easterly direction. b) Marsden Hall Road North, the south east side, from a point 85 metres north east of the property boundary of 96 Marsden Hall Road North, for a distance of 26 metres in a north easterly direction.

6. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Friday, between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a) Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee, the north side, from a point 49 metres south-west of its junction with the centreline of Crowtrees Grove for a distance of 10 metres in a south-westerly direction; b) Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee, the north side, from a point 120 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of Crowtrees Grove for a distance of 25 metres in a westerly direction.

7. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Saturday, between 8am and 6pm in Burnley Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from its junction with the centreline of Barley Holme Road for a distance of 46 metres in a northerly direction.

8. Introduce limited waiting, for 1 hour no return within 2 hours, from Monday to Saturday, between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road:
a) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from a point 156 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 14.5 metres in a westerly direction; b) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from a point 175 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 8.5 metres in a westerly direction; c) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from a point 187.5 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 5.5 metres in a westerly direction (its junction with North Adelaide Street); d) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from a point 32.5 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 22 metres in a westerly direction; e) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from a point 106 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 6 metres in a westerly direction; f) Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from a point 117 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 36 metres in a westerly direction; g) North Albert Street, Fleetwood, the east side, from its junction with the centreline of Adelaide Street for a distance of 41.5 metres in a northerly direction.

9. Introduce a disabled person's parking place in Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from a point 59 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 40 metres in a westerly direction.

10. Introduce a taxi stand in Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the south side, from a point 153 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 27.5 metres in a westerly direction.

11. Introduce a loading bay in Adelaide Street, Fleetwood, the north side, from a point 96.5 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Dock Street for a distance of 31.5 metres in a westerly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, and at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, and at the offices of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, and at the offices of Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ, and at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 9LU, and at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, and at the offices of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, BB7 2RA, and at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, and at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.8802\AFR** before the 29 March 2019.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services, 27 February 2019.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NEW APPLICATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

We Divi Chicken and Pizza of Unit G6, Malthouse business park, 48 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new premises license.

Hours of operation: Monday: 23:00 to 02:00; Tuesday: 23:00 to 02:00; Wednesday: 23:00 to 02:00; Thursday: 23:00 to 02:00; Friday: 23:00 to 02:00; Saturday: 23:00 to 02:00; Sunday: 23:00 to 02:00

The following licensable activities; Late night refreshment.

The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Councils website www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing

Any 'interested Party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 22/03/2019. It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5,000.

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0073/FUL Single storey extension to kitchen. Replacement doors, windows, fascias and guttering. Amendments to attached garage including new flat roof and lowering of ground level under tower by 300mm at Lathom Lodge, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0074/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey extension to kitchen. Replacement doors, windows, fascias and guttering. Amendments to attached garage including new flat roof and lowering of ground level under tower by 300mm at Lathom Lodge, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0122/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building at Land To The South-east Of Needless Inn Farm, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0138/FUL Variation of Condition No 2 of planning permission 2018/0251/FUL to read: The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with details shown on the following plans: - AL-20002 P2, AL-20102 P2, AL-20202 P2, AL-20302 P2, AL-20402 P1 received by the Local Planning Authority on 5th March 2018.Plan reference AE-20001 P7,AE-20002 P6, AE-20003 P5, AE-20004 P5, AL-02002 P3, AL-20001 P6, AL-20003 P5, AL-20101 P8, AL-20103 P5, AL-20201 P8, AL-20203 P4, AL-20301 P8, AL-20401 P5, AL-20403 P3, AL-90001 P5, AL-90002 P4, AL-90004 P4, AS-20051 P6, AS-20052 P5, AS-20053 P4 received by the Local Planning Authority on 15th February 2019 at Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated:27th February 2019 PDNOT1034

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BACK LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Back Lane, Bickerstaffe from Simmonswood Lane to Hursts Lane.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on 11th March 2019 until 1700 hours on 22nd March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Simmonswood Lane – Hursts Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway duct works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16681/EW]

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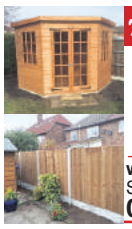

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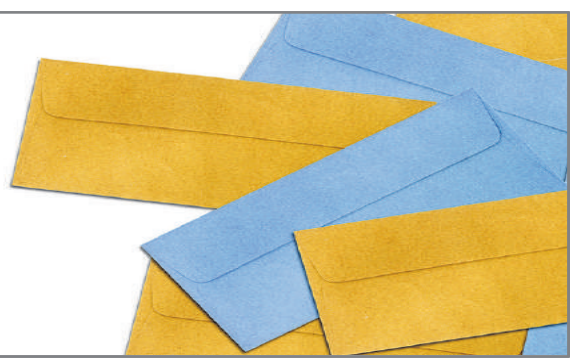

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Troubles with old cars without MOTs

A VALIANT quest I set out on last November is nowhere near its end, *writes David Simister.*

Over the past few months I've been on what feels like an epic voyage through the classified ads – and I still haven't found the right Reliant Scimitar. It's not even casual browsing this time: it's the serious, hardcore end of the car buying spectrum. I've sat for hours on end in front of computers, poring over the tiniest details in online ads. I have gone out and been on test drives. I've even, and this is a genuine top tip for anyone thinking of buying an old car, pre-emptively joined the owners' club to get their help. It's been three months, and yet I still haven't found the right one. I reckon having the patience of a saint and the persistence of a right pain in the proverbials will eventually get me there, of course – but it's got be the right one.

It has to an SE5 or SE5A-series GTE in any colour other than red or black, and it's crucial that it's one that's been cared for. Nor can it be the one I gave a miss the other day, which proved that changes to the MOT test last summer are a bit of a double-edged sword.

Browse the ads for old cars at the moment and there are plenty being advertised as being not only tax-free, but exempt from the annual visit to the garage too.

The idea is that it's a good way of saving money on a car that you might only take out on a couple of sunny Sunday afternoons a year, and no MoT is one less thing to faff with. Given the choice between one old car that's been looked at on a ramp and has a record of all its little foibles, or one that doesn't, which would you go for? I didn't think rolling MOT exemption was a great idea when it was first announced 18 months ago because of all the safety implications, but on this occasion it's about appealing to my wallet, rather than my conscience. An old car with an MOT is better value than one without.

I'll continue with my adventures through the car ads for now, thanks. Anyone flogging a Scimitar?

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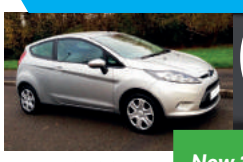

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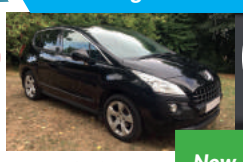

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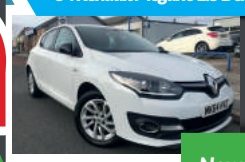

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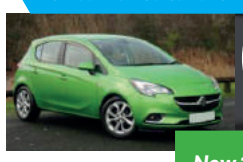

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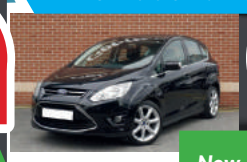

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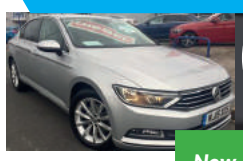

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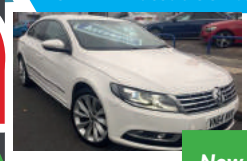

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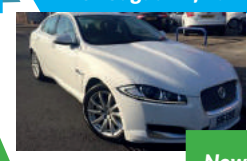

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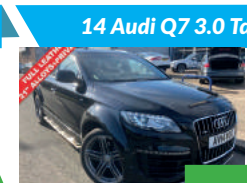

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Next two matches against relegation rivals looks set to decide club's fate

IF there was ever two games that define a season the next two for Skelmersdale United will be them.

Skelmersdale are currently sitting bottom of Evo-Stik Division One West on nine points from 28 games, meaning they have just ten games left to haul themselves up two places to avoid relegation.

Skelmersdale's next two matches are at home against the two teams immediately above them in the table.

Third from bottom Glossop North End (Saturday, March 2) and second to bottom Kendal Town (Tuesday, March 5).

Skem's position in relation to the two opponents makes it vital that they win both. They might get away with a draw in one of them, but anything less makes a difficult task to avoid relegation into a virtually impossible one.

One Skelmersdale official told the Champion: "We need the whole town to come to Prescot to support us, Everton and Liverpool are without a game on Saturday so they have no excuse! If we win these games we have a serious chance."

Skelmersdale will be looking to bounce back after a dreadful performance at Colwyn Bay on Saturday, but that isn't as unlikely as it sounds as they have shown the sort of inconsistency necessary all season.

Skelmersdale took a nine goal defeat back in September at Atherton and responded with their best run of the season in the next six games losing only twice and beating promotion chasing Radcliffe on their own ground 2-0.

It has been that sort of season for Skem and a repeat of that sort of form might just make the difference.

Burscough have been out of action since January 26 and were due to face Irlam last night (Tuesday, February 26).

They are at home again on Saturday, March 2 against sixth placed Barnoldswick Town.

The Linnets have not surprisingly dropped from 5th to 12th in The North-West Counties Premier Division table in their absence from action and will be looking to bounce back into action with a victory.

	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
16	Market Drayton Town	28	8	6	14	41	72	-31	30
17	Clitheroe	28	6	5	17	39	68	-29	23
18	Glossop North End	27	4	8	15	29	59	-30	20
19	Kendal Town	27	4	4	19	25	60	-35	16
20	Skelmersdale United	28	1	6	21	19	86	-67	9

Skem face Kendal Town and Glossop North End in their next two games

Skem need to bounce back quickly after heavy defeat at Colwyn

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Colwyn Bay 9
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United suffered their biggest defeat of the season after travelling to mid-table Colwyn Bay.

The opposition made short work of them, scoring five before half time and an eventual nine goals made it their biggest ever victory in the Northern Premier League.

It was an even bigger disappointment for Skem given the fact they came so close to taking points away to promotion chasing Mossley the week before.

Sadly though there are bigger implications for Skem. If they are to dodge relegation they now face a really tough task, with ten league games remaining they probably require about 18 points from the ten games to reach a possible 27 for safety and third from bottom.

Manager Paul McNally made just two changes from the team that did so well at Mossley, Jordan Tyrer and the suspended John Keatley making way for Tom Grimshaw and the dependable Davy Moore.

After just four minutes a quick intervention by Skem goalkeeper Liam Boden cut out a great opportunity for former Skelmersdale player James Barrigan, however, two minutes later the hosts struck.

A free-kick was won about 25 yards out and slightly to the left. A well hit shot from Tom McCready split the defensive wall and after a bounce sneaked in at the near-post. It was a bad start.

On 14 minutes, Barrigan who was showing no mercy to his former side made it 2-0. McCready played a double one-two with Barrigan who then rounded a defender and put in a shot from around the penalty spot. Boden got a hand to it, but couldn't keep it out.

Skelmersdale created another opening from a cross from the right, this time Marvin Molyneux headed wide at the far post.

When Danny Andrews netted with a low shot to make it 3-0 after a good build-up on 22 minutes the task was looking a big one for Skem.

Marvin Molineux heads the ball clear. Picture by John Driscoll

Colwyn went close again on 29, 32 and 33 minutes. First Ashley Woods' chip bounced just clear and with the second move a neat passing move put Craig Pritchard in the clear and his low shot was saved well by Boden, before Lass Mendes put in a weak far post header.

The pressure was building and on 34 minutes the Skem defence was split wide open and Mendes was able to round Boden, the keeper tripped him and a penalty was awarded.

Skem could have no complaints. McCready putting the ball low into the net on Boden's right-hand side.

On 35 minutes it was 5-0. Woods hit the foot of the post from an acute angle and the ball bounced free. Barrigan was first off the mark and scored from close range.

Skelmersdale made a spirited start after half-time but all the good work was to no avail as Colwyn made it 6-0 on 53 minutes. Pritchard beat the offside trap pulled the ball back across goal and Woods had a tap-in.

A goal was almost pulled back on the hour, Danny McLoughlin hitting a right-foot free-kick that was well saved at the foot of the post by home goalkeeper Andy Coughlin.

It was 7-0 on 72 minutes, Colwyn right-back Ethan Devine got forward and after an excellent exchange of passes he slotted the ball home from eight yards out.

Goals eight and nine came on 88 and 90 minutes from almost identical moves down the left-wing. The eighth saw Andrews net at the far post, the ninth was converted by Astley Mulholland from just outside the six yard box.

It was a disastrous day for Skelmersdale. They travelled with genuine hope, knowing they had been unlucky to be denied victory at home to Colwyn back in October, plus they hadn't lost in Wales on five previous visits.

They had also just performed so well at Mossley. Skem came back with their survival hopes close to being in tatters. Defensively they were very poor. They have one last hope, in that their next two games are at home to the two teams immediately above them in the table.

Anya Lewis on the attack for Edge Hill. Picture by Ian Shard

Edge Hill hockey and basketball sides celebrate league title glory

EDGE Hill University women's teams celebrated league title success with fixtures still remaining in their BUCS campaigns.

The hockey first team secured a second successive promotion - this time to Northern 2A - by seeing off Lancaster seconds 4-1 with a clinical display. Anya Lewis, Abi Hall (2) and Nadina Skinner were the scorers, with skipper and England Universities' Anna Hollis also influential.

In basketball, the new champions held off the strong challenge of Keele firsts 60-48 to secure the Northern 3A title. Behind at half-time, a strong third quarter was key in the Ducks making it seven wins from seven against their nearest challengers, with Danielle Murphy contributing half of their points total.

The men's firsts' hockey team have also put themselves in pole position in their division, shrugging off a delayed journey to championship-rivals Bangor to come away with a 4-1 victory.

Ross Gordon, Levi Racs and Jac Horwood (2) were on target for the visitors, who now top Northern 3A, a point clear of their opponents having played two games fewer. They travel to Lancaster seconds next time out - who themselves still have faint hopes of top spot - knowing victory will secure the title.

In a brutal rugby league Trophy encounter, Edge Hill Tigers secured a 24-16 victory over their top-of-the-table Northern 1A rivals, Durham firsts, to progress to the quarter-finals. Nathan Taylor celebrated his England Universities call-up by getting amongst the try scorers, with Cory Bennie (2), Josh Mousdell and Adam Carr also crossing.

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